



# MINUTES

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## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

## 2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Apland, Carr, Caulton, Hooker, Hunewill, Peterson, Souza

Trustees Absent: Hackler

Others Present: David Heft, General Manager; Deborah Battista, Administrative Asst./Clerk of the Board.

## 3. Closed Session

*The Board will report on any action taken during Closed Session and may take additional action in Open Session, as appropriate.*

No Closed Session

## 4. Public Comment

*Non-agenda item(s) for discussion only, no action to be taken. The public may address any agenda item at the time it is open for Board discussion.*

No Public Comment.

## 5. Public Hearing

No Public Hearing

## 6. Action Items

- A. Consideration and approval of the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for July 21, 2014

Trustee Peterson motion: Approve the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for July 21, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee Hunewill. Unanimous

- B. Review of balance sheet and income statement for June 2014.

GM Heft reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for June 2014 denoting revenues, budgetary expenses, fund balance amounts and chemical inventory.

Trustee Souza requested that the Income Statement include data for the previous year. Administrative staff responded they would work on adding this information to the next month's report.

Trustee Hunewill questioned why the Fixed Asset section of the Balance Sheet remained unchanged month-to-month at times. GM Heft responded that staff were in the process of updating District inventory record and would work to update these totals on the Balance Sheet by next Board meeting.

President Hooker inquired if the District's chemical inventory were inspected by officials of Stanislaus County. GM Heft responded that the District is required to file a Hazardous Materials Business Plan with the County for emergency purposes and the facility is typically inspected on an annual basis.

C. Consideration and approval of the payment of bills and wages for July 2014.

GM Heft reviewed the District check register with the Board for the month of July 2014. Of particular note was check no. 30446 VCJPA in the amount of \$64,437.00. GM Heft responded that this was the District's entire insurance premium for FY 2014/15.

Trustee Apland motion: Ratify payment of bills and wages in the amount of \$255,495.94, as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee Carr. Unanimous

## **7. Information Items**

A. Review of CALPERS July 2014 Annual Report

GM Heft briefly reviewed the CALPERS July 2014 Annual Report with the Board.

## **8. Reports**

A. Review of the General Manager's Report: July 2014.

GM Heft provided a report regarding the Board's directive to develop a program by which property owners producing large amounts of mosquitoes year-after-year are held responsible for control costs. GM Heft reported that he had several discussions with Matt Ball, General Manager of Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District. Butte County MVCD has had an established "Aggressive Larviciding Program" for several years in which properties 3 acres or larger found to be breeding mosquitoes over a threshold are charged for the costs of control. These property owners are asked to sign a contract/cooperative agreement with the District at the beginning of the year – much like the District's herbicide program. By signing the contract, the property owner agrees to pay for the costs of control noting that best management practices utilized by the owner will have a direct impact on billed control costs. Thereby, the owner avoids the abatement process and civil penalties.

Owners who do not participate in the program are notified that the District will file a Notice to Abate at the first sign of mosquito breeding.

GM Heft added that Butte County MVCD has had much success with the program and should the Board be interested in establishing a program such as this at TMAD, he would recommend adopting many facets of the Butte County Aggressive Larviciding Program. To accomplish this, however, would mean upgrading the District's capability to record treatments, chemical used, billing software, GIS, etc.

GM Heft updated the Board regarding the Garcia Dairy/Stadtler Property in Denair and Turlock Memorial Park in Turlock. After filing a Notice to Abate with Turlock Memorial Park, GM Heft met with Mr. Scott Atherton of Turlock Memorial Park and received assurances that Turlock Memorial Park would increase their efforts in maintaining their property and eliminating mosquito breeding taking place. Mr. Atherton committed to submit a letter to the District outlining their commitment and in response GM Heft agreed to lift the Notice to Abate to reconfirm the District's desire to work cooperatively with the cemetery.

GM Heft updated the Board regarding West Nile virus activity within the District, County and State. In addition, the Board was updated concerning the latest resistance findings. Genetic testing and bottle bioassays have shown wild mosquitoes collected from within the District are resistant to pyrethrins. GM Heft relayed to the Board that cage trials were being conducted in the field to actually measure what level of resistance this resistance equates to in the field. Testing multiple populations with multiple mixture strengths of pyrethrin products will be necessary to confirm adequate control of mosquitoes. GM Heft notified the Board that active ingredient Naled has proved to be very good in controlling mosquitoes based on reports from other districts and bottle bioassays. GM Heft plans to utilize this chemical in the future for adult mosquito control starting in 2015.

## **9. Adjournment**

Trustee Apland motion: Adjournment of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Meeting, date August 18, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee Peterson. Unanimous

There being no further business, President Hooker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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Rodman Hooker, President

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George Carr, Secretary