



MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Apland, Carr, Hackler, Hooker, Hunewill, Peterson, Showen, Souza

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

3. 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.

4. Public Hearing

- A. Public hearing to discuss the levying and collection of Special Taxes within the District for Fiscal Year 2015-2015.

A public hearing was held in accordance with the collection of the District's Special Tax in which the Board commented that the Special Tax rate would not increase in FY 2015-2016. Special Tax rates would be set at: Vacant (\$1.42); Residential (\$3.28); Income (\$7.05). These rates would generate approximately \$248,000 in additional revenue necessary for the district to fund its mosquito control program.

Notice of this public hearing was posted in local newspapers, no public comments were provided.

5. Consent Calendar

These matters include routine financial and administrative actions. All items on the Consent Calendar will be voted on as a single action without necessary discussion. If the public wishes to discuss an item on the Consent Calendar, please notify the Clerk of the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting or you may speak about the item during Public Comment Period.

- A. Consideration and approval of the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for August 17, 2015.
B. Review of balance sheet and income statement for July 2015.

- C. Consideration and approval for GM Heft to serve as president of the Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California in 2018.
- D. Consideration and approval for the Trustees, General Manager and Vector Biologist to attend the Mosquito & Vector Control Association Fall Meeting held October 29-30, 2015 at Embassy Suites in San Diego, CA. (Approximate cost: \$600.00 per person.)

Apland motion: Approve all items on the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Consent Calendar. 2nd: Hackler. Unanimous

6. Agenda Items

- A. Consideration and approval of the payment of bills and wages for August 2015.

GM Heft notified the Board that a new ATV had been purchased and was considering keeping the old ATV as a back-up/adulticide unit. The Board expressed support for this idea.

Hunewill motion: Ratify payments of bills and wages in the amount of \$241,295.70 for August 2015. 2nd: Peterson. Unanimous.

6. Reports

- A. Review of the General Manager's Report: August 2015.

GM Heft reviewed the latest arbovirus activity within the District and California. As of September 8, 2015 the District had the following WNV activity: (1) human case, (13) dead birds, and (49) mosquito samples. Statewide, WNV activity is down from 2014, although in some counties, such as Butte County, WNV has increased.

GM Heft reviewed some of the areas within the District experiencing high mosquito counts and/or WNV infection rates.

- GM Heft reported to the Board that two of the Districts seasonal personnel had been going door-to-door in the Daubenberger and East Ave. vicinity performing inspections and adulticiding using handheld foggers. Residents were positive and many breeding sources were found.
- East Turlock/Denair area has been sprayed for adult mosquito control on an almost weekly basis in order to keep the mosquito population down.
- Merced MAD is doing its part to help with mosquito control around Newman and China Island. Adult mosquito populations have continued to increase with the flooding of cells in China Island in preparation for the migratory bird season. Staff will be utilizing ground and aerial applications to keep mosquitoes from entering residential areas.
- With regards to a resident complaint regarding aerial spraying activities in the Newman area, GM Heft and Trustee Hunewill will be attending a Newman City Council meeting to make an educational presentation to address questions and concerns.

President Carr suggested the District use the app “Next Door Neighbor” to partner with residents and cities in notifying the public regarding District activities.

The mosquito issues with the property on Greenway Ave. in Turlock have improved following the District’s Warning Letter. The property owner has started mowing the weeds down and standing water on the property has greatly diminished.

The property owned by Stevinson Corporation in Merced County across from Fisherman’s Bend has improved following the District’s Warning Letter concerning standing water and mosquito breeding. Property owners have made improvements drastically reducing the amount of standing water present on the properties and nearby sloughs and gullies.

GM Heft and Mosquito Control Operator Rush have a meeting with Tom Houret of Houret Cattle Co. on Wednesday to discuss the issues that the District is having in La Grange because of excessive water on Houret’s pastures.

Overall, the District is experiencing increased threat levels in the cities of Denair, Hughson, and Newman according to state models.

7. Adjournment

Hackler motion: Adjournment of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Meeting, date September 21, 2015. 2nd: Peterson. Unanimous.

There being no further business, President Carr adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

George Carr, President

Aaron Hackler, Secretary