MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, APR 12, 2006

President Nickolas called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

TRUSTEES PRESENT:
  Ronald Anderson  Ray Honan
  Robert Blake    Leon Nickolas
  Robert Bury     Lawrence Peterson
  Valentina Cogoni  Dennis Preger
  John Curtis    Robert Riechel
  Joseph Fil     Betsey Schneider
  Roland Finley  Lawrence Vallerga
  Tim Frahm
  Maggie Gomez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:
  Cal Hinton  Richard Tagg
  Doris Kellett
  Robert Maynard

STAFF PRESENT:
  Robert Gay, District Manager
  Karen Williams, Clerk of the Board
  James Counts, Field Operations Supervisor
  Chindi Peavey, Vector Ecologist

GUESTS/SPEAKERS PRESENT:
  None

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of two new Trustees

  President Nickolas took a moment to introduce the two new Trustees in attendance. They are
  Maggie Gomez, representing Daly City and Tim Frahm, representing Half Moon Bay.

Public Input on Non Agendized Items

  No one was present from the general public to address the Board
Consent Calendar

MOTION: Approve the consent calendar, which consisted of the list of expenditures for March, revenue received for March, the Minutes, as amended from the March 8, 2006 Board meeting and Resolution M-006-05 budget emendation. Blake/Anderson, carried unanimously.

District Programs/Staff Reports

Fish Pond/Parking Garage Construction Project

Manager Gay reported on the building project. The Building Committee met April 11, 2006 to review the building project. The electrician has finished his work getting the wires hooked up and now we are waiting for Honeywell to pull the wires to the main building. At that point, Manager Gay can get the Burlingame building inspector to finalize the building, pay the fees to the County for the permit to occupy and then everything is done.

Lab Services

Chindi Peavey reported on the following activities of the Lab staff:

- The new chicken coop in Half Moon Bay
- Public Education booth at San Francisco Flower and Garden Show in conjunction with Alameda Mosquito Abatement District
- Raccoon roundworm case in a family dog from Hillsborough
- Lyme Disease surveillance in County parks. Work will continue when the weather clears up.
- Lyme Disease Support Group Meeting
- 2 new Assistant Vector Ecologists hired
- The State of California is setting up a $3.7 million grant on the effectiveness of trial drug use on horses for West Nile Virus
- A Marin-Sonoma study being done on a parasite in mosquito fish
- Booth at Woodside Environmental Faire

Field Operation Services

James Counts reported on the following activities of the Operations department:

- Monitoring Lyme Disease through spraying in County parks
- Subsidence issues with 20 Oracle Buildings which are causing breeding issues
- 1500 – 1700 acres of Bair Island salt marsh were sprayed by helicopter. Some areas were missed due to bad weather and winds.
- Muscle Rock area of Daly City
- Northgate area of Daly City and how that area is impacted by mosquitoes
- Catch Basin program
- Half Moon Bay – addressing Smith’s Field and other areas of standing water

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

Manager Gay reported on activities from the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC).

Topics included:

- Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness week is April 23 through April 29, 2006.
- Legislative Programs – Keeping funding for mosquito issues secure
- Legislative Committee is following numerous bills
- Upcoming Legislators Day in Sacramento
Manager Gay reported that the 2007 annual meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida. More information to follow.

District Policy Committee

On March 15, the District Policy committee met to discuss changes to the two policies.

**MOTION:** To approve policy #2060, Guidelines for Accepting and Providing Gifts and #5030, Board Meeting Conduct. Honan/Peterson, carried unanimously.

A previously approved policy, #1030 Disclosure Categories, requires some wording changes and will be reintroduced for approval at the May 10, 2006 board meeting.

VCJPA

Manager Gay reported on the District’s Self-Insurance program. The 2006-07 premium amounts for Worker’s Compensation, Property and Auto Physical Damage and liability insurance has increased 31% from the previous year.

Manager Gay commented on the participation of Trustee Riechel (San Bruno) with his local Cable Television channel in preparing and submitting public health informational slides for mosquito awareness and West Nile Virus prevention. Trustee Riechel provided a sample of his submissions for the other Trustees to use as a template. Trustee Frahm (Half Moon Bay) complimented him on his great idea and would do the same for his city.

District Manager’s Activity Report

Manager Gay reported on the following items:

- The timeline for the assessment process for North and West County District for Fiscal year 2006-07.
- LAFCO meeting coming up on May 9th in San Carlos to determine Special District representative to LAFCO Board
- Legislative Day is coming April 26-27th. Attendees will be Robert Gay, Robert Riechel, Ron Anderson, and Robert Bury.
- Booth at SF Flower and Garden Show
- Upcoming purchase of property in South County

Trustee Bury (Redwood City) expressed concern about District purchase of the South County property. Manager Gay assured Trustee Bury that all steps will be taken to ensure a smooth and stress free purchase.
Board and Staff Announcements

- The Policy Committee has a standing meeting, Third Wednesday each month at 12:00pm. Next date: April 19, 2006
- The Budget and Salary Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 12:00pm.
- The Environmental Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 6:00pm. Trustee Frahm (Half Moon Bay) has been added to this committee.
- The Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 12:00 noon.

Reminder of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2006 at 7:00.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjournment. Curtis/Anderson, carried unanimously. 9:15pm

Approved: ________________________________

District Manager

President ________________________________

Date ________________________________