



# Solano County Mosquito Abatement District

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Meetings: Second Monday Every Month  
7:30 P.M.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

### 1. Call to order:

President Joe Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District Building, 2950 Industrial Court, Fairfield, CA. 94533

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Joe Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

### 3. Roll call:

Present Trustees: J. Anderson, H. Lute, C. Tonnesen, J. Rankine, R. Schock, L. Petrie and R. Meador.

Absent Trustees: M. White

Also in attendance:

Jon Blegen  
Tami Wright  
Richard Snyder

### 4. Minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2014.

Unanimously approved as mailed on motion by Trustee C, Tonnesen seconded by Trustee L. Petrie.

### 5. Examination of Manager's Report for the month of January 2014.

Accepted as written.

**6. Payment of Bills for January 2014.**

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee L. Petrie seconded by Trustee H. Lute.

**7. Examination of Financial Sheet for the month of January 2014:**

Accepted as written

**8. This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board relative to matters of Board Business:**

Manager Blegen announced to the board that Trustee Meador had been appointed to the position of Grand Marshall for the upcoming 2014 Vacaville Fiesta Days. All of the trustees then congratulated Trustee Meador on his appointment.

**9. Correspondence:**

a. Letter from the Mosquito Research Foundation dated January 22, 2014.

b. Email from Mosquito Research Foundation dated January 31, 2014.

Manager Blegen summarized both the letter and email. Trustee Petrie commented on the distribution of mosquitofish by Contra Costa County and asked if our district supplied fish in a similar fashion. Manager Blegen responded in the affirmative. Trustee Petrie stated that he was aware the California Department of Fish and Wildlife had voiced concerns about the planting of fish. Manager Blegen responded that the district distributes fish to the public to be used in ornamental ponds, fountains and horse troughs that clearly have no connection with natural waterways. He went on to state that the district does plant fish in waterways located throughout the county, but does so in such a way to minimize any potential impact upon threatened or endangered species or native fish.

**10. New Business:**

a. Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 due April 1, 2014.

President Anderson reminded the trustees to complete and return their statements in a timely manner.

**11. Unfinished Business:**

a. Status of and potential action regarding the district PEIR under preparation by Cardno Entrix.

Manager Blegen stated that no board action is needed at this time. The matter was agendaized for purposes of allowing the board to take timely action if appropriate. He went on to state that the review process is moving forward.

b. Consideration/Action regarding attendance at quarterly and annual MVCAC conferences.

President Anderson stated that he requested that this matter be agendaized for further discussion in order to assure that taxpayers' money is being expended for worthwhile purposes. He then asked for comments from his fellow board members. Trustee Schock commented on the strong financial condition of the district, what he termed as the existing surplus and with that in mind felt that the board should encourage its members to attend MVCAC meetings and conferences. President Anderson expressed the view that the financial condition of the district should not be controlling. In his opinion the value of the information received by attendees should be comparable to taxpayer funds expended. Trustee Meador stated that in his view attendance at such meetings and conferences assists trustees in understanding the mosquito control activities conducted by staff. President Anderson responded that the board's responsibility is to establish policy rather than becoming involved in the management of the district and, therefore, trustee knowledge of the technical aspects of mosquito control is unnecessary. Trustee Meador agreed with President Anderson's comments; however, he went on to state that he was not referring to the day in and day out activities of the district but rather a better general understanding of its mission. Trustee Petrie concurred with Trustee Meador's comments and went on to state that he had benefited from sessions at recent meetings which dealt with problems other district boards had faced with their respective members and managers. President Anderson agreed with Trustees Meador and Petrie, and went on to state if a presentation, for example sexual harassment training, is scheduled at an upcoming meeting which is available online other justifications for attendance must be considered. Trustee Lute stated that in his opinion all trustees who wish to attend should be given the opportunity to do so. He went on to state that often times there are concurrent sessions and in order to cover them an adequate number need to attend. Further, those in attendance should be assigned to cover specific meetings. The question of past attendance was raised and Manager Blegen supplied the board with attendance figures from 2010 to the present. Trustee Meador expressed his feeling that trustees would not need to attend meetings of a highly technical nature and Trustee Petrie stated that this would also apply to certain meetings that were just for managers. Trustee Schock stated that the trustee sessions presented at the meetings and conferences had improved substantially and that in his opinion that they have become sources of very good information. President Anderson concurred and asked if there were any further comments. No further comments were made and President Anderson closed the session, saying he did not feel any further action was necessary at this time but that the board members should keep this discussion in mind when considering attendance at future meetings.

**12. Reports:**

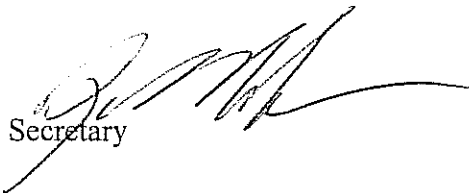
- a. Trustee Tonnesen asked about the effect of future cold weather on mosquito production in standing water generated by the recent storms. Manager Blegen responded that cold weather would in his opinion negatively impact mosquito production and referred the matter to Supervisor Snyder for further response. Supervisor Snyder stated that cooler weather would slow down larval growth but would not keep them from reaching adulthood. He went on to state that the district is has already experienced mosquito production in catch basins; however, one of the benefits from the recent storms is that most of these basins have now been flushed out which will for a short period of time significantly decrease mosquito production therefrom.

**13. Board Discussions:**

- a. None

**14. Adjournment:**

President Joe Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

  
Secretary