

OREGON MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION

2023 WINTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 23, 2023

Location: Google Meet

In Attendance:

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| Bek Sudia, Multnomah County | Anita Baumgart, North Morrow VCD |
| Greg Barron, North Morrow VCD | Chris Law, Union County VCD |
| Matt Hutchinson, Baker VVCD | Megan Bernard, Malheur County VCD |
| Randy Gerard, West Umatilla MCD | Lyndsey Felder, Klamath County VCD |
| Josh Jacobson, Clackamas VCD | Brenna Karleskind-Barbie, Columbia Drainage VCD |
| Geoff Taylor, Jackson County MCD | Dr. Emilio DeBess, Oregon Health Authority |
| Nate Hill, Valent Biosciences | Samar Elkashef, Central Life Sciences |

Time: 11:00 AM the OMVCA Winter Business Meeting was called to order by President Bek Sudia.

Meeting Purpose: To discuss future grant funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for testing mosquitoes in Oregon. Our goal is to decide what to do as a whole association. Are we going to continue with the Oregon State University Lab or move to in-house testing at each district's location?

Oregon Health Authority Updates: Dr. DeBess

Current Funding Status:

- Funding has diminished over the last 5 years.
- We are getting about a quarter of what we have in the past.
- The CDC grant application does not allow for a single activity it must be applied to a multiple of required activities.
- Funding the Oregon State Veterinary Diagnostic Lab cost approximately \$18,000 to \$22,000 a year. The CDC for a couple of years has only been willing to pay \$12,000 to \$15,000. Requiring some above-board creative thinking to move money to fund the OSU Lab.
- We are at a point where we need to decide whether we are going to do local testing or are we going to fund the OSU Lab.
- We have an additional year of funding from the CDC until July 31, 2023.
- After July 31, 2023, we go into a competitive renewal process. It is a longer application they could request more activities. At this point it is unclear what the new application will require.
- The Oregon Health Authority receives CDC grant applications in early April. The deadline for the application is May. (Giving them about a month to submit)
- Dr. DeBess stated, that he is unsure if he will apply for a five-year term again because we continue to receive less money and the application process is long.

- The future is unsure. Dr. DeBess believes that states such as California, New York, and Texas, are going to get the funding and the rest of the states are going to go away.
- Currently Oregon receives \$70,000 to \$80,000 dollars of CDC grant money. That money is put into designated line items for distribution.
- Dr. DeBess does negotiate discounts for mosquito testing through Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Discussion: Bek opened the floor for discussion

Geoff Taylor: Jackson County Mosquito Control District

- Informed the group that his district purchased a PCR testing program from Co-Diagnostics Inc.
- The cost was \$28,000 to get started and that included the surface pro computer and the 400 test supplies needed for this year's mosquito season.
- Test run approximately \$12.00 to \$15.00 per test.
- RAMP runs approximately \$20 per test.
- Testing includes WNV, WEE and SLEE.
- Bird testing for WNV can also be done with CO-DX, however the "Bird Taking Permit" requires WNV testing be performed by Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.
- At the end of the 2023 mosquito season Geoff will give the association an update.

Bek Sudia: Multnomah County, OMVCA President

- Stated, that Janice Stroud is waiting for an official price on the RAMP system. Last fall the price was around \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Kenny Carver: Washington County

- Kenny suggested that either the state or the OMVA should develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for mosquito testing.

Districts wanting to use the OSU Vet Diagnostic Lab for 2023 mosquito season include the following:

- Union County Vector Control District
- North Morrow Vector Control District
- Washington County
- Baker Valley Vector Control District
- Clackamas County Vector Control District
- West Umatilla Mosquito Control District (wants to help support other districts)
 - Bek will contact OSU Vet Diagnostic Lab to discuss a contract either as individual districts or as an association. Bek will keep the group updated on the findings.
 - Kenny Carver suggested looking to Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) for help with drawing up a contract.

What are we doing about traps since Bio Science is gone?

- Adapco is trialing some traps that will be out some time this year.
- John Hock company carries mosquito traps.
- Union County Mosquito Control District are developing their own EVS trap.

Spring Meeting:

- Tentatively March 14th, 2023, in Bend Oregon
- Bek will check out locations and get back with the group.
- Business meeting only (one night)

Job Opportunities:

- Check out the Multnomah County website for job listings!
- Check out the Jackson County Mosquito Control website for Job listings!
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Meeting adjourned: 12 noon, January 23, 2023.