

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

7PM Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
District Board Room
3179 35th Street West
Rosamond, CA 93560

Minutes

President Shingledecker called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL

President Dennis Shingledecker
Vice President Russell Williford
Director Byron Glennan- **Absent**
Director Olaf Landsgaard
Director Ed MacKay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Director MacKay, Seconded by Vice President Williford to approve the agenda. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 absent (Glennan).

BOARD SECRETARY

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

PR 1. Effects of the Adjudication. (Presented by Gene Nebeker, Ph.D.)

MINUTES

M 1. Approve September 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Director MacKay, Seconded by Director Landsgaard to approve the Minutes. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 absent (Glennan).

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approve Check/Voucher Register dated 08/28/18 – 9/24/18

CC 2. Approve Check/Voucher Register dated 08/28/18 – 9/24/18- Related Party

CC 3. Cash Balances- August 2018

CC 4. Cash Balances- July 2018

Motion made by Director MacKay, Seconded by Vice President Williford to approve CC 1, CC 3 and CC 4. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 absent (Glennan).

CC 2 was continued to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-17, amending the Administrative Handbook. (Presenter: Ronald Smith, General Manager)

Motion made by Director MacKay, Seconded by Director Landsgaard to adopt Resolution No. 2018-17, amending the Administrative Handbook. Motion passed based on the following Roll Call Vote:

Roll Call:

Vice President Russell Williford:	Aye
Director Olaf Landsgaard:	Aye
Director Byron Glennan:	Absent
Director Ed MacKay	Aye
President Dennis Shingledecker	Aye

DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director’s Landsgaard and MacKay gave a report. Vice President Williford made a comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

1. Director Landsgaard requested discussion on Valley Fever.

GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE

Allison Burns, Esq.- **Absent**

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Ronald Smith- **update provided**

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

John Houghton- **Absent**

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE UPDATE

Brad Rockabrand- **update provided**

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Brach Smith- **update provided**

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION/BOARD SECRETARY UPDATE

Lizette Guerrero, CMC- **update provided**

ADJOURNMENT –Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

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Respectfully submitted:



Board of Directors
Rosamond Community Services District



Board Secretary

Partners for Fugitive Dust/Valley Fever in the A. V.,

Committee Participants

Antelope Acres Town Council, Association of Rural Town Councils, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Antelope Valley Board of Trade, Antelope Valley Dust Control Group., Antelope Valley Partners for Health Group, Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, California Air Resources Board, Edwards Air Force Base, L. A. County 5th District Supervisors Office, L. A. County Dept. of Agriculture/Weights & Measures, L. A. County Fire Dept., L. A. County High Desert Regional Medical Center, L. A. County Dept. Of Regional Planning, L. A. County Dept. of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness & Response Program, L. A. County Dept. of Public Health, Toxics Epidemiology Program, L. A. County Dept. of Public Works, L. A. County Sanitation Districts, Kaiser Permanente, Dept. of Infectious Diseases, East Kern Air Pollution Control District , Kern County Dept. of Public Health, Kern County Dept. of Regional Planning, U. S. Congressman Kevin Mc Carthy, U. S. Congressman Steven Knight, California State Senator Scott Wilk, California Assemblyman Tom Lackey, Lancaster City, Palmdale City, Palmdale City Dept. of Public Works, Independent Ag Consultant, Private Resident, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), L. A. County NRCS, Kern County and University of Calif. Cooperative Extension, University of California, Merced , University of California, Riverside and California State University at Bakersfield.

More dust storms are contributing to an increase in Valley fever across California.
Image by Famartin via Wikimedia

With climate change, Valley fever spreads in California—and this year could be the worst yet

By [David Gorn](#)  | Sept. 25, 2018 | [HEALTH](#)

Rob Purdie is an upbeat guy. You can hear it in his unfailingly positive statements, his voice tinged with a Central Valley twang from a life spent in Bakersfield.

You wouldn't guess this is a man with a reservoir surgically built into the top of his skull, and that he spends one full day a month with antifungal drugs pumping directly into his brain.

Purdie has Valley fever, or coccidioidomycosis, a disease he caught in 2012 that's caused by an airborne soil fungus. In his case, the fungus gave him meningitis, a swelling of the membranes that line the brain and spinal cord. The pain in his head has been intense, and the monthly drug injections are even more excruciating, he said.

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“It sounds horrible, and it is,” Purdie said. But “lucky for me, Valley fever meningitis can be treated.”

The number of reported Valley fever cases set a record in California in 2016, with more than 6,000 infections. That number jumped to 8,103 in 2017, an increase of more than a third—growth many experts link to climate change. This year could be the worst yet.

Valley fever season starts this month. Most cases surface between September and November, but through August this year more than 5,000 cases were reported in California, putting the state on pace for a new record.

“We’re seeing a huge increase in new cases in the past two-and-a-half years. It’s striking,” said Ian McHardy, co-director of the Center for Valley Fever at the University of California, Davis. “We’re seeing double and triple the cases. It’s a catastrophic change, and it’s getting worse.”

The fungus typically infects the lungs after spores are inhaled (it is not contracted person-to-person), producing a persistent cough and chest pain or other flu-like symptoms that can require months of treatment. In some cases—like Purdie’s—it can spread. It can be hard to diagnose because it can mimic those of other ailments, and in many people symptoms fade away on their own.

Gov. Jerry Brown this month signed three bills into law to help combat Valley fever. The current state budget includes \$8 million for research and education, to keep more Californians from catching the infection and to foster better diagnoses so symptoms can be treated accurately.

But despite the state response, experts say the disease likely will continue to expand, with more people getting it in more areas of the

state.

One big [reason](#), McHardy said, is climate change. A growing number of dust storms in California have spread the fungal spores far beyond the Central Valley, where the infections traditionally have been concentrated.

“We know there’s a direct [correlation](#) between these dust storms and Valley fever, and we know climate change is increasing the extreme [weather](#) patterns here, including the dust storms,” he said.

Taking on Valley fever

Along with \$8 million in the state budget, three new laws address Valley fever in California:

Source: California Legislature



Valley fever is no longer strictly a Valley phenomenon. It has spread north to [Sacramento](#) and west all the way to the coast.

“(In places) like Monterey, Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo counties, where we don’t expect to find it, it’s becoming much more common,” McHardy said.

Democratic Assemblyman Rudy Salas Jr. of Hanford wrote the three Valley fever bills the governor signed. He said the infection has been reported in 53 of California’s 58 counties, and he has family members and friends who have contracted it.

The state's health care costs have spiraled higher with the increase in infections, he said. "The costs to our health care system ... were around \$2 billion" in a 10-year period ending in 2011, Salas said, citing the most recent state cost study. "And we have only seen an increase in cases since then."

The \$8 million is "the largest allocation in our state's history specifically targeting Valley fever," he said. About \$3 million of it will go toward expansion of the Valley Fever Center in Kern County and its research on why some people who inhale the fungus get sick and others don't.

Because Valley fever can resemble the flu, many physicians outside of the Central Valley don't consider it in their diagnoses, even though the blood test to identify it is inexpensive and simple.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated there are about 150,000 undiagnosed cases a year, and McHardy said he thinks the number is higher.

The most dangerous manifestation is meningitis, he said—"and by the time they go to the hospital it's too late, and I think a lot of people die from it without ever being diagnosed," McHardy said.

The California Department of Public Health doesn't regularly track deaths from Valley fever but did compile statistics in one study. Officials concluded that 1,098 people died of the disease in California from 2000 to 2013, averaging about 73 deaths a year statewide.

The downside is obvious and can be terrifying, Purdie said. But he circled back to the bright side, saying that educating both patients and physicians to better recognize the infection could make a huge

difference. Once people figure out they have Valley fever, especially in the earlier stages of the infection, he noted, it's treatable.

And "fortunately," he added, "most people won't get it as severely as I did."



David Gorn
Contributing Writer



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