

**MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
June 10th, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County was held at 2:00 PM, on Thursday, June 10th, 2021 via teleconference as allowed by State of California Executive Order N-29-20.

1. ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

President Teri Jory
Vice-President Adam Lambert
Secretary Robert Williams
Trustee Charlie Blair
Trustee Cathy Schlottmann (arrived during Closed Session)
Trustee Craig Geyer
Trustee Katherine Stewart

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Troup, CPA
Nate Kowalski, Legal Counsel
John Bliss, SCI Consulting

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-No changes requested.

3. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS regarding District business.

-Reminder for ethics training for some trustees

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. PARS – 1 st Quarter statement

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –

-None.

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public comment on closed session agenda items

-No public comment or correspondence regarding this item.

**B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6
Conference with labor negotiator**

Agency designated representative: Nate Kowalski, Counsel and Brian Cabrera, General Manager

Employee organization: Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County
Employees Association

The negotiations between the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County and the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County Employees Association will be presented for the purpose of reviewing the District's position and instructing the designated representatives. Issues to be discussed may include salaries, salary schedules, fringe benefits, available funds and funding priorities.

Reconvene to open session to report action taken (if any) in closed session

-No action to report.

8. OLD BUSINESS

B. Reconsider Resolution 21-03 declaring intent to continue assessments, establishing a cost of living increase, approving the Engineer's Report and providing a notice of public hearing on July 8, 2021. Assessment Engineer will provide additional information regarding implications of rate adjustment that was approved at the May 2021 Board meeting.

-Engineer John Bliss discussed Proposition 218 and the history of benefit assessments. Properties are assessed based on the amount of benefit received. The higher assessment rate for Zone 2 that was voted for at the May meeting would need to be justified by a need for a higher level of service in Zone 2 over Zone 1. It was moved by Secretary Williams and seconded by Trustee Schlottmann to set the intended benefit assessment rate for Zone 2 at \$11.07 per single family residence. Motion passed 7-0-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

C. Clarify intent of Section 3.07.8 of the District's Policy and Procedure Manual and 7.06.8 of the MOU between the CEA and the District regarding medical benefits for retirees who become eligible for Medicare.

-While the resolution regarding retiree health benefits states that a retiree is ineligible for benefits when they reach Medicare age, according to our agreement with CalPERS, the District is required to pay the Public Employees' Medical & Hospital Care Act minimum amount for active and retired employees (currently that amount is \$143). Clarification is needed regarding whether it is the intent of the Board to provide Medicare supplement plans for retirees or the PEMHCA minimum. It was the consensus of the Board to bring forward a resolution stating that the District will provide the PEMHCA minimum for retirees.

7. ITEMS OF GENERAL CONSENT. The following items are approved by a single action of the Board. Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and approved in a separate action.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 regular meeting

B. Approval of the May Financial Statements for County Fund 4160

C. Approval of the May Vendor Disbursement Report

D. Approval of the May Disease Surveillance Report

E. Approval of the May District Operations Report

-It was moved by Trustee Schlottmann and seconded by Vice-President Lambert to approve the Items of General Consent. Carrie Troup commented on the financial statements. Motion to approve passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote with Trustee Geyer absent.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Accounts receivable contracts' status (5909 Misc. Revenue)

-The amount that has been billed is close to the amount that was budgeted.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss eventual return to in-person Board meetings

-The Hope School Board Room is not available for July. Other locations considered for an in-person meeting included Goleta Water District, Goleta Sanitary District, and the Goleta Library.

B. Information on the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT), an alternative, non-chemical control method being implemented in Florida and elsewhere for invasive mosquitoes (SIT is the production and release of sterilized male insects for suppressing populations of invasive insect species) and discussion of whether the District would consider using it in the future.

-Oxitech is a company that has applied for an experimental use permit to conduct field trials in California. They will be working with mosquito control districts to evaluate the practice.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

-Four additional Aedes aegypti have been located in the area they were initially discovered. Signs have been posted in the area with information on the species and what residents can do to reduce their breeding grounds.

11. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Trustee Blair announced that the SBCCSDA hopes to have an in-person meeting in July.

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions of the Board:

BY:

APPROVED:

Teri Jory
Board President

Robert Williams
Board Secretary