

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
May 9th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County was held at 1:00 PM, on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 via teleconference and in person at the Santa Barbara City College Wake Center Campus, Room 18.

1. ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

President Robert Williams
Secretary Hugh Rafferty
Trustee Teri Jory (remotely pursuant to *Government Code § 54953(f)*)
Trustee Barbara Silver (left following Closed Session)
Trustee Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Charles Blair
Trustee Danica Taber

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Vice-President Joe Franken

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Carrie Troup, CPA
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant
Nate Kowalski, Legal Counsel, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, and Romo (remotely, for Closed Session)
Ryan Aston, Senior Consultant, SCI Consulting Group

2. CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCING NOTIFICATIONS OR REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS Per *Government Code § 54953(f)*, less than a quorum of Board members may on a limited basis videoconference to Board meetings for just cause or emergency circumstances

-Trustee Jory requested to participate remotely for just cause in order to provide childcare. There were no other individuals present at her location. Trustee Blair made a motion to approve her remote attendance. Motion seconded by Secretary Rafferty and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-GM Cabrera requested that Item 10A be discussed following public comment. There were no objections.

4. Staff announcements regarding District business

A. Board Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2024. Start time is 1 PM.

1. Thursday, June 13 (start time TBD)	4. Thursday, September 12	7. Thursday, December 12
2. Thursday, July 11	5. Thursday, October 10	
3. Thursday, August 8	6. Thursday, November 14	

5. CORRESPONDENCE

-None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT-Time reserved for the public to address the Board of Trustees relative to matters of District business not on the agenda. Comment time regarding specific agenda items will be available during consideration of the particular agenda items.

-None.

10. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:

A. Consider and approve Resolutions 24-01 and 24-02 declaring the Intention to Continue Assessments, Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report, and Providing for Notice of Hearing on July 11, 2024 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County for Service Zone 1 and Service Zone 2.

-Ryan Aston, Senior Consultant for SCI Consulting Group will be present via teleconference to answer questions and provide additional information, as needed.

-Secretary Rafferty made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-01 and Resolution 24-02.

Motion seconded by Trustee Blair and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public comment on closed session agenda items

-No public comment. Closed session began at 1:20.

B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

Conference with labor negotiator

Agency designated representatives: 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

-Returning from Closed Session at 3:25, there was no action to report.

8. 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 April 11th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

B. Approval of the April Disease Surveillance Report

C. Approval of the April District Operations Report

-Trustee Blair made a motion to approve the Items of General Consent. Motion passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote, with Trustee Silver and Vice-President Franken absent.

9. OLD BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:

A. Accept and file the April Financial Statements for County Fund 4160

B. Accept and file the April Disbursement Report

-Reports were accepted and filed following review.

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

-Amount billed exceeds amount budgeted by \$18,000. Several contracts will be due for renewal.

D. Update on District building repair and improvement projects.

-Staff will continue to contact local architects/project planners to create a concept for design.

10. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
- B. Discussion of a proposed public outreach publication for distribution in the District’s Service Zones, produced by N&R Publications.
 - Representative(s) from N&R will be present by teleconferencing to provide more details and answer questions.
 - Item continued to the June meeting.*
 - C. Presentation of updated preliminary budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.
 - Preliminary budget is an overall 4.5% increase from the FY 23-24 budget.*
 - D. Reschedule the June Board meeting.
 - GM Cabrera will not be available at the scheduled meeting time for the June 13 Board meeting and would like to reschedule for earlier that day or another mutually agreed upon date and time.
 - The June meeting will be held June 13th at 9:30 AM.*

11. REVIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, CHAPTER 1. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICTS, ARTICLE 6. FINANCES §§ 2073, 2074, 2076 and 2077.

-No discussion occurred for this item.

12. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

-There has been a significant increase in the number of monthly website views, from 11,492 in March to 24,665 in April.

14. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The SBCCSDA annual awards were presented in April.

15. 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:

APPROVED:

 Bob Williams
 Board President

 Hugh Rafferty
 Board Secretary