

**MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
October 12th, 2023**

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, October 12th, 2023 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 Craig Geyer
Trustee Charlie Blair
Trustee Joe Franken
Trustee Barbara Silver
Trustee Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Hugh Rafferty

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Vice-President Teri Jory

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Troup, CPA

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 may join remotely due to emergency circumstances.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-Under Items 10A and 10B, the financial statements and disbursement report are for September, not August as listed.

4. A DEMONSTRATION OF THE VARIOUS MOSQUITO TRAPS USED BY THE DISTRICT; GIVEN IN-PERSON BY VECTOR BIOLOGIST TECHNICIAN KAREN SCHULTZ

-Technician Schultz was unable to attend the meeting. Item continued to the November meeting.

5. Staff announcements regarding District business

*-A member of staff tested positive for Covid.
-County Supervisors have been notified about upcoming trustee reappointments.*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

-None.

7. 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.

8. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.
- A. Public comment on closed session agenda items.
-None.
 - B. Public Employment (Pursuant to § 54957.6)
Agency representative: Brian Cabrera, General Manager; Karen Bell, Of Counsel: Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.
 - C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
 - D. Public Employment
Title: General
-There was no reportable action from any closed session items.
9. 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 Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and approved in a separate action.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 September 14th, 2023 special meeting
 - B. Approval of the September Disbursement Report
 - C. Approval of the September Disease Surveillance Report
 - D. Approval of the September District Operations Report
-It was moved by Trustee Blair and seconded by Trustee Rafferty to approve the Items of General Consent. Motion passed unanimously.
10. OLD BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
- A. Accept and file the September Financial Statements for County Fund 4160
-Carrie Troup reviewed the financial statements and discussed the new financial systems website that the county is implementing.
 - B. Accept and file the September Disbursement Report
-Disbursement report was accepted and filed.
 - B. Accounts receivable contracts' status (5909 Misc. Revenue)
-One quarter of the financial year has elapsed and Line Item 5909 is at 45%. There has been a lot of contract work due to the rains and high tides.
 - C. Consider and approve a limited-term retainer agreement for Rick Battles for legal services.
-Trustee Franken moved to approve the retainer agreement. Seconded by Trustee Rafferty and passed unanimously.
 - E. Update on the search for a new legal counsel for the District. Discussion and action regarding interview and hiring process for attorney to serve as District general counsel.
-Item was discussed during Closed Session.
11. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
- A. Report on the attendance by District staff at the Goleta Slough Management Committee meeting on 9/21 and a meeting with the Audobon Society 10/10 in regards to the use of the District's Argo amphibious vehicle at the Goleta Slough, located on the Santa Barbara Airport property.
-Staff met with the GSMC to discuss use of the Argo in the Goleta Slough. It was agreed that the technicians will no longer utilize this equipment in certain areas of the airport property. Staff will continue to work with the airport and the GSMC to determine how to conduct mosquito treatments in a way that reduces the environmental impact going forward.

12. REVIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, CHAPTER 1. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICTS, ARTICLE 3, §§ 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030

-The Board discussed the section of code which addresses the role of LAFCO in the formation of mosquito districts.

13. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Trustee Blair would like to attend the MVCAC meeting in January.*
- Trustee Geyer requested that John Bliss discuss the benefit assessment process at the November meeting.*
- Trustee Franken noted that the selection of legal counsel should be on the agenda in November.*

14. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

-The District website had nine thousand views in September.

15. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Geyer mentioned that the SBCCSDA meeting will be held on October 23rd in Buellton.*
- Trustee Blair is working on being reappointed.*

16. 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:

Robert Williams
Board President

Craig Geyer
Board Secretary