MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
October 8th, 2026

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 8th, 2026 via teleconference and in person at the Santa Barbara City College Wake Center Campus, Room 21.

1. **ROLL CALL**

TRUSTEES PRESENT:
Vice-President Joseph Franken
Secretary Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Barbara Silver
Trustee Steven Gaulin
Trustee Robert Williams
Trustee Teri Jory (arrived during Item 4)

TRUSTEES ABSENT:
President Danica Taber

IN ATTENDANCE:
Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Troup, CPA
Jena Acos, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**
-*No changes requested.*

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING DISTRICT BUSINESS**

A. Notice of upcoming board term endings. Several board member terms will be ending in the next few months. If you haven't already done so, please notify GM Cabrera whether or not you intend to continue your service on the Board. If you plan to continue, please notify the County Supervisor's or City office where you applied for your current term to get the application process started. This will ensure you will be reappointed in a timely manner without any gaps in service.

B. Reminder for SB 827 fiscal responsibility training. Trustees are required to take fiscal and financial training as required by SB 827. Several trustees still need to take this required training.

C. Remaining Board Meeting Dates for 2026. Start time is 1:00 PM.

1. Thursday, November 12	**2.** Thursday, December 10

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
A. Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom due to the developing 2026-2027 El Niño event. Among other things, teleconferencing will be allowed, outside of traditional Brown Act rules, during a state of emergency as specified in SB 707.

5. **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.*

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items can be approved by a single action of the Board. Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and addressed in separate actions. If you wish to speak on a consent calendar item, please do so during the public comment period provided at the beginning of this item.

a. Approval of the Minutes of the September 10, 2026 Board Meeting

b. Approval of the September 2026 Disease Surveillance Report

c. Approval of the September 2026 District Operations Report

d. Accounts receivable contracts' status (Line item 5909 - Misc. Revenue)
-Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed unanimously.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPDATES**

The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:

A. Report on the Voluntary 30-Day Public Comment Period for the Special Coastal Procedures to the District's Integrated Mosquito Vector and Management Plan ("IMVMP"). The administrative draft of the Special Coastal Procedures to the IMVMP was made available on September 10 for voluntary 30-day public review and comment. The public comment period ends on October 12.
-The non-mosquito portion of the document is expected to be presented to the Board in December. Staff is currently seeking estimates from consultants for environmental review of the full completed document.

B. Receive and file September 2026 Financial Statements for County Fund FD-4160 and September 2026 Disbursement Report.
-Reports received and filed by consensus of the Board.

C. Updates on the Australian backyard mosquito, Aedes notoscriptus, in the City of Santa Barbara and the yellow fever mosquito, Aedes aegypti, in Carpinteria.
-Staff has been going door-to-door speaking to residents, placing flyers, and setting traps in affected neighborhoods.

D. Request by Trustee Silver to appoint a treasurer as a board officer.
-It was the consensus of the Board that this position is not necessary since the full Board reviews monthly disbursements and all trustees can request to review individual invoices.

E. Report on the District's opening of a California CLASS Enhanced Cash account. Through the California Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System, public agencies can invest funds that are managed in accordance with state law. More information can be found at https://californiaclass.com/
-Transfer of funds to the California Class account is in progress and monthly statements for the account are expected in the near future.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items.

A. Consideration of potential action relative to the general manager's annual performance review and a salary increase.
-Trustee Williams made a motion to approve a ten-percent salary increase effective 11/1/26. Motion seconded by Trustee Jory and passed unanimously.

B. Discussion on sterile insect techniques for mosquito management.

-The Board discussed the Debug Project which aims to reduce populations of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes and whether this technique could be implemented locally in the future. It was suggested that staff speak to vector district managers where the current trials are being performed to learn about their experience with the efforts.

9. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

-GM Cabrera reported that the District Instagram account now has more than 200 followers.

10. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

-*None.*

11. **TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Trustee Gaulin will be unable to attend the November Board meeting.

12. **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957**

A. Public comment on closed session agenda items.

-None.

B. Temporary adjournment to closed session.

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – EVALUATION OF APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Govt. Code section 54957)

i. Title: Operations Manager Biologist

D. Reconvene to open session for closed session report.

-*No action to report.*

13. **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:

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Danica Taber	Russell Dahlquist
Board President	Board Secretary