

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
of Santa Barbara County  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 via teleconference and in person at the Santa Barbara City College Wake Center Campus, Room 20.

1. ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

President Robert Williams  
Vice-President Joe Franken  
Secretary Hugh Rafferty  
Trustee Charles Blair  
Trustee Barbara Silver  
Trustee Russell Dahlquist  
Trustee Danica Taber  
Trustee Teri Jory (remotely)

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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 due to emergency circumstances. There was no one over the age of 18 at her location and she participated using audio and visual technology.*

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

*-No changes requested.*

4. Staff announcements regarding District business

A. Board Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2025. Scheduled start time for all is 1 PM

1. Thursday, November 13	2. Thursday, December 11	---
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5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. CA Dept. of Health, West Nile Virus Dead Bird Call Center closes for the winter season beginning at Noon on Oct. 10. Residents can report dead birds online during this period at <http://westnile.ca.gov>. The District has notified CDPH it will continue with responding to dead bird reports during this same period.

B. Results of the LAFCO election for the Regular and Alternate Special District Members to the Commission

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.*
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 Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and approved in a separate action.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 September 11, 2025 Board Special Meeting
  - B. Approval of the September Disease Surveillance Reports
  - C. Approval of the September District Operations Reports  
*-Secretary Rafferty made a motion to approve the Items of General Consent. Motion seconded by Trustee Dahlquist and passed 8-0-0 by roll call vote.*
8. OLD BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
  - A. Accept and file the August and September Financial Statements for County Fund FD-4160
  - B. Accept and file the August and September Disbursement Reports  
*-Following review, reports were accepted and filed.*
  - C. Update on recruitment for a new Vector Control Technician.  
*-Board made suggestions on additional information to be added to the job description/advertisement and on places for the advertisement to be posted.*
9. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
  - A. Consider and approve proposal from Ascendant for their SMS (Short Message Service) notification platform which provides instantaneous community outreach capabilities for the District's service areas. Zain Khan, Founder and CEO of Ascendant will be present to provide a demonstration of how the app works and to answer questions  
*-Following a presentation from Zain Khan and discussion of the possible utilization of the platform, Secretary Rafferty made a motion to approve the proposal. Motion seconded by Trustee Taber and passed 8-0-0 by roll call vote.*
10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
*-None.*
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT  
*-GM Cabrera discussed the use of Google Analytics on the District website and the insights it provided about what pages were viewed most frequently.*
12. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*-Secretary Rafferty announced that the next SBCCSDA chapter meeting is October 27<sup>th</sup> and also that there are still openings on their board.*
13. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.
  - A. Public comment on closed session agenda items. B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: General Manager  
  
Reconvene to open session to report action (if any) in closed session.  
*-No action to report.*

14. 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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Robert Williams  
Board President

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Hugh Rafferty  
Board Secretary