

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
February 8th, 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, February 8th, 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
Trustee Joe Franken
Trustee Barbara Silver
Trustee Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Hugh Rafferty
Trustee Charles Blair
Trustee Danica Taber

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Vice-President Teri Jory

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Carrie Troup, CPA
Rick Battles, Of Counsel attorney, Howell, Moore & Gough

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRUSTEE DANICA TABER, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF GOLETA, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE.

-Trustee Daber introduced herself and discussed her educational and professional background.

3. 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

-No requests for remote participation.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-GM Cabrera requested that Item 10B be discussed following Public Comment. There were no objections.

5. Staff announcements regarding District business

A. Nominations and selection of Board of Trustees officers for 2024.

-Trustee Rafferty made a motion to nominate himself for the position of Secretary. Motion seconded by Trustee Blair and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

-President Williams made a motion to nominate Trustee Franken for Vice-President. Motion seconded by Trustee Blair and passed 7-0-0 by roll vote.

-Secretary Rafferty made a motion to nominate President Williams for another term as President. Motion seconded by Trustee Blair and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

6. CORRESPONDENCE
A. Results of the January 2024 Santa Barbara County California Special District Association Chapter Elections
-GM Cabrera announced the results of the chapter elections.
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.
10. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
B. Consider and approve engagement agreement for legal counsel services to be provided by Jena Acos, Attorney at Law with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP.
-Rick Battles discussed minor changes that were made to a previous iteration of the agreement. Trustee Blair moved to approve the engagement letter. Motion seconded by Secretary Rafferty and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
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 January 11th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
B. Approval of the January Disease Surveillance Report
C. Approval of the January District Operations Report
-It was moved by Trustee Blair and seconded by Vice-President Franken to approve the Items of General Consent. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
9. OLD BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
A. Accept and file the January Financial Statements for County Fund 4160
B. Accept and file the January Disbursement Report
-Carrie Troup discussed the financial status report and explained some of the January disbursements. Both were accepted and filed.
C. Accounts receivable contracts' status (5909 Misc. Revenue)
-Due to all the rain received in 2023, there has been more work in contracted areas than projected.
D. Update on District building repair and improvement projects.
-GM Cabrera met with an architect who discussed preparing a concept feasibility study which would provide a general idea of options for updating the District office building.
10. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
A. Consider and approve Mosquito Management Plan for Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreational Area and Standard Agreement for California Department of Parks and Recreation
-GM Cabrera discussed the breeding sources in Oceano and the history of the District's work in San Luis Obispo County. Secretary Rafferty moved to approve the agreement with Ocean Dunes. Motion seconded by Trustee Dahlquist and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
B. Consider and approve engagement agreement for legal counsel services to be provided by Jena Acos, Attorney at Law with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP.
-Discussed following Public Comment.

C. Consider and approve the District's Service Agreement renewal with SCI Consulting Group.

With the renewal SCI will continue to serve as the Engineer of Work to provide professional consulting and levy administration services for the District, including the production of the District's annual Engineer's Report, determining the annual assessments for Service Zone's 1 and 2 and all work related to the administration of these services.

-President Williams requested that the District solicit bids from other companies that offer benefit assessment consulting services.

11. REVIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, CHAPTER 1. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICTS, ARTICLE 5. ABATEMENT, §§ 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066 and 2067.

-GM Cabrera discussed the authority of the District to enforce the Health and Safety Code.

12. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Trustee Rafferty discussed the meetings of the Santa Barbara chapter of the CSDA. The next meeting will be held in April and District board members are invited to attend.

-Trustee Blair would like to nominate Administrative Assistant Sprigg for the Staff Member of the Year for the CSDA annual awards.

13. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

-GM Cabrera went over the amount of website views for January, the GIS mapping program, and a preliminary meeting with legal counsel regarding union negotiations.

14. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Trustee Rafferty reported that the Santa Barbara chapter of the CSDA is accepting nominations for their annual awards.

-Trustee Dahlquist enjoyed the MVCAC conference in Monterey and learned a lot about the equipment, technology, and field work of mosquito districts throughout California. Trustee Blair agreed that it was a very worthwhile conference.

-Trustee Silver attended the City of Santa Barbara Integrated Pest Management Committee meeting and collected materials for GM Cabrera to review.

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:

BY:

APPROVED:

Robert Williams
Board President

Joe Franken
Vice-President