

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
April 9th, 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, April 9th, 2026 via teleconference and in person at the Santa Barbara City College Wake Center Campus, Room 21.

1. **ROLL CALL**

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

President Danica Taber
Vice-President Joseph Franken (arrived during Item 5)
Secretary Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Teri Jory
Trustee Barbara Silver
Trustee Robert Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

-No changes requested.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING DISTRICT BUSINESS**

A. County Supervisor Nelson’s office has received and is reviewing an application for one of the vacancies on the Board. A second vacancy has opened up so we encourage anyone who is interested in serving on the board to contact GM Cabrera.

B. Thank you to all trustees and associates for filing their Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests.

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

1. Thursday, May 14	4. Thursday, August 13	7. Thursday, November 12
2. Thursday, June 11	5. Thursday, September 10	8. Thursday, December 10
3. Thursday, July 9	6. Thursday, October 8	

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Vector Control Joint Powers Agency is seeking nominations for a Southern California region trustee representative to serve on the VCJPA board

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.

-Marc Chytilo spoke about a letter that he submitted in regard to Item 8E, in which the Santa Barbara Audubon Society requests participation by the District in a biological survey of the Goleta Slough for this year's breeding cycle. Mark Holmgren also encouraged the District to provide funding for this study.

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 Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and addressed in separate actions.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 March 12, 2026 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of the March 2026 Disease Surveillance Report
- c. Approval of the March 2026 District Operations Report
- d. Accounts receivable contracts' status (Line item 5909 - Misc. Revenue)

-Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Items of General Consent. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPDATES**

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

- A. Update on the drafting of the District's Integrated Mosquito & Vector Management Plan.

- Biological consultants have done multiple field surveys and served as biological monitors during active treatment in the Goleta Slough. The Special Coastal Procedures section of the plan is expected to be ready for public review and input by June.

- B. Update on the hiring of a new Vector Control Technician.

-The new vector control technician will be starting this month.

- C. Discuss the hiring of an Operations Manager Biologist

-Staff will be making revisions to the job description prior to moving forward with recruitment.

- D. Discuss attendance of Board President Taber at one of the 2026 California Special District Association Leadership Academies (San Diego, May 11 – 14; San Luis Obispo, September 13- 16; San Rafael, July 19 – 22). <https://leadershipacademy.csda.net/home>

-Vice-President Franken made a motion to approve conference attendance and lodging in an amount not to exceed \$2500. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

- A. Receive and file March 2026 Financial Statements for County Fund FD-4160

- B. Receive and file March 2026 Disbursement Report

-Vice-President Franken made a motion to receive and file the financial statements and disbursement report. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

- C. Discuss and approve transfer of \$12,354 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund 4161 to General Fund 4160 to fund depreciation.

-Secretary Dahlquist made a motion to approve the transfer of \$12,354. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

- D. Discuss forming an ad hoc recruitment and hiring committee for an Operations Manager Biologist.

-President Taber and Secretary Dahlquist will serve on the hiring committee to refine the job description and advertisement as well as participate in interviews with candidates. The committee will be terminated once the position is filled. Marc Chytilo encouraged the Board to consider including public stakeholders in the hiring process. Vice-President Franken made a motion to form the ad-hoc committee. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

E. Discuss and approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for Consultant Services with Rincon Consultants, Inc. seeking \$7,500 for Biological Monitoring Assistance in Q2.

-Marc Chytilo referenced the letter submitted to staff prior to the meeting and reiterated the request of the Audubon Society for the District to contribute funds for a biological survey of the Goleta Slough for this year's Belding Savannah Sparrow breeding cycle. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the amendment to the agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

9. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

-GM Cabrera discussed the recent detection of Aedes notoscriptus in a westside Santa Barbara neighborhood and the District response and future actions to consider.

10. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

-The Board is interested in having a representative from California Class present on the program at a future meeting.

11. **TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-None.

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

- a. Public comment on closed session agenda items.
- b. Temporary adjournment to closed session.
- c. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT - EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE (Gov. Code section 54957).
 - Title: District legal counsel
- 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:

Danica Taber
Board President

Russell Dahlquist
Board Secretary

