

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
January 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, January 8th, 2026 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 Joseph Franken
Trustee Barbara Silver
Trustee Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Danica Taber
Trustee Teri Jory
Trustee Charles Blair (joined remotely during Item 8A)

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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 Blair requested to participate remotely using audio and visual technology under SB 707 allowances due to disability. Present at his location was a podiatrist that was providing care.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-GM Cabrera requested that Item 9A be postponed to the next meeting.

4. Staff announcements regarding District business

A. Nominate and elect District officers for 2026. Positions are President, Vice-President and Secretary.

-Trustee Williams made a motion to elect Trustee Taber as President. Motion seconded by Trustee Dahlquist and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

-Trustee Jory made a motion to elect Trustee Franken as Vice-President. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

-Trustee Williams made a motion to elect Trustee Dahlquist as Secretary. Motion seconded by Trustee Jory and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

B. There is still a vacant seat on the Board. Please notify GM Cabrera if you know of anyone who might be interested.

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

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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 December 18th, 2025 Board Special Meeting
- B. Approval of the December Disease Surveillance Reports
- C. Approval of the December District Operations Reports
-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.

8. OLD BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:

- A. Accept and file the December Financial Statements for County Fund FD-4160
- B. Accept and file the December Disbursement Report
-Following review, Trustee Franken made a motion to accept and file the financial statements and disbursement report. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
- C. Accounts receivable contracts' status (5909 Misc. Revenue)
Provide an opportunity for the Board to discuss the status of mosquito control and monitoring services that are provided to certain public agencies and private entities for a fee.
-Invoices for contract done October through December will be sent out this month.
- D. Update on recruitment for a new Vector Control Technician.
-Six applications have been received. GM Cabrera will close the application period next week and contact applicants to schedule interviews.
- E. Update on the status of the District's response to a request by the California Coastal Commission for an assessment of the environmental and ecological impacts of the use of the District's Argo amphibious vehicle within the Goleta Slough.
-Legal counsel reported that there are no new updates.
- F. Update on the status of the Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Plan drafting process.
-Staff and legal counsel have been collaborating with Rincon Consultants and Tidal Influence on the creation of the plan. Biological consultants have been present with staff for all inspections and treatments in the Goleta Slough. Mark Holmgren, with the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, expressed Audubon's interest in contributing to the comprehensive plan.
- G. Discussion and consideration of Resolution 26-01 amending the place of regular meetings and authorizing meetings of the Board under the Ralph M. Brown Act Amendments.

-Vice-President Franken made a motion to amend the resolution to list Room 20 at the Wake Campus as the main regular monthly meeting location and include the Brownstein office at 1020 State Street as an alternate location for regular meetings, at the discretion of the General Manager. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:

- A. Discuss and consider options for reducing legal services costs.
-Item postponed to a future meeting.

10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Trustee Jory requested an update on facility maintenance/upgrades.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

-GM Cabrera reviewed the monthly website views and a breakdown of the specific pages that were visited.

12. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

-None.

13. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

A. Public comment on closed session agenda items.

-None.

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title: General Manager

Reconvene to open session to report action (if any) in closed session.

-No reportable action.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RELATIVE TO GENERAL MANAGER COMPENSATION

-Trustee Williams made a motion to increase General Manager compensation by 5%. Motion seconded by Vice-President Franken and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

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:

APPROVED:

Danica Taber
Board President

Russell Dahlquist
Board Secretary

