

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
September 10th, 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, September 10th, 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
Secretary Russell Dahlquist
Trustee Barbara Silver (remotely)
Trustee Steven Gaulin
Trustee Robert Williams
Trustee Teri Jory

Trustee Silver participated remotely, under just cause per SB 707, due to health reasons, with no one over the age of eighteen present at her location.

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Troup, CPA
Jena Acos, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Kendra Wopat, Biologist, Rincon Consultants

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

-No changes requested.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING DISTRICT BUSINESS**

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

1. Thursday, October 8	2. Thursday, November 12	3. Thursday, December 10
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4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

-None.

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 Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and addressed in separate actions.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 August 20, 2026 Board Special Meeting
- b. Approval of the August 2026 Disease Surveillance Report
- c. Approval of the August 2026 District Operations Report
- d. Accounts receivable contracts' status (Line item 5909 - Misc. Revenue)
-Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPDATES

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

- A. Receive and File and Open 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 is now available for voluntary 30-day public review and comment. Kendra Wopat, biologist from Rincon Consultants, Inc. will give a presentation summarizing the key aspects of the Special Coastal Procedures.
-Trustee Gaulin recused himself from commenting or participating in this matter to avoid any potential conflict of interest, but remained in the room for informational purposes. Kendra Wopat discussed the development of the document and answered questions from trustees. Public comment was received from Marc Chytilo and Mark Holmgren. Vice-President Franken made a motion to receive and file the IMVMP and open the 30-day comment period. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 6-0-1 by roll call vote, with Trustee Gaulin abstaining.
- B. Receive and file August 2026 Financial Statements for County Fund FD-4160 and August 2026 Disbursement Report.
-Vice-President Franken made a motion to approve the financial statements and disbursement report. Motion seconded by Trustee Gaulin and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
- C. Updates on the Australian backyard mosquito, *Aedes notoscriptus*, in the City of Santa Barbara and the yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, in Carpinteria.
-District technicians have continued trapping and canvassing the areas where detections were made. No additional specimens of Aedes aegypti have been detected in Carpinteria. Trustee Williams made a motion to accept and file the update. Motion seconded by Vice-President Franken and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

8. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

- A. Public comment on closed session agenda items.
-Marc Chytilo noted that the timing of the closed session was inconvenient to members of the public with interest in items later in the agenda.
- B. Temporary adjournment to closed session.
-Board entered Closed Session at 2:00. Trustee Gaulin recused himself for review of legal counsel and left the meeting room. He returned for the General Manager Evaluation of Performance at 2:51.
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE (Govt. Code section 54957)
 - i. Title: District legal counsel
 - ii. Title: General Manager

- D. Reconvene to open session for closed session report.
-Returning to open session at 3:02, the Board announced that there was no reportable action.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

- A. Update on Operations Manager Biologist hiring process.
-The interview process will conclude on Monday, September 14th and the ad-hoc hiring committee will convene on the 15th. A hiring decision is expected to be made within a month. Trustee Williams made a motion to receive and file the update. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed 6-0-1 by roll call vote, with Trustee Gaulin abstaining.
- B. Consider and approve the amended Special District Risk Management Authority Health Benefits MOU and Resolution 26-07: "A Resolution of the (Governing Body) of Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority's Health Benefits Program Life Insurance Benefits for Represented Staff". Life insurance was added as a benefit to the MOU executed in 2021 between the District and the Employees Union. The original MOU and resolution (22-24) were approved by the District Board in December 2023. The approved amended MOU and resolution are due to SDRMA by November 1.
-Trustee Gaulin made a motion to approve the MOU and adopt Resolution 26-07. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

10. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

-GM Cabrera discussed upcoming presentations being given at the Goleta Slough Management Committee and a mosquito and vector management course at Cal-Poly SLO.

11. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

-None.

12. **TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Trustee Silver noted that she viewed a presentation given by Mark Holmgren on behalf of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society.

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

