

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
of Santa Barbara County  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The special 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, November 20<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  
Trustee Charles Blair (remotely)  
Trustee Barbara Silver  
Trustee Russell Dahlquist  
Trustee Teri Jory

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Secretary Hugh Rafferty  
Trustee Danica Taber

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager  
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant  
Carrie Troup, CPA  
Jena Acos, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
Lea Boyd, Two Trumpets  
Peter Dugre, Two Trumpets  
Holly Harris, Rincon Consultants (remotely)

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 for just cause. No one over the age of eighteen was present at his location and he participated using audio and visual technology.*

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

*-GM Cabrera noted that since we are unable to report on action from a closed session during a special meeting, the Closed Session item should be removed from the agenda.*

4. Staff announcements regarding District business

A. The final Board Meeting for 2025 is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 starting at 1 PM.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Upcoming changes to the Brown Act, as written in the provisions of State Senate Bill no. 707. (Page 4) Those provisions applicable to the District will go into effect on January, 1, 2026. The California Special District Association is hosting a webinar: "SB 707 Brown Act Revamp" on Wednesday, December 10 from 09:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Board trustees are welcome to attend so let please let GM Cabrera know if you're interested so he can register you for this event.  
*-Several trustees indicated their interest in viewing the webinar.*

- B. On November 6, the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) released the public review draft of its Municipal Services Review (now available at Notice of 30-day Public Review Period) and has set a public hearing to consider and approve the MSR at the December 11 LAFCO meeting.  
*-No discussion occurred for this item.*
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.  
*-Mark Holmgren, with the Audubon Society, noted that he would like to have input on the integrated vector management plan that is being created.*
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 Minutes of the October 2, 2025 Board Special Meeting
  - C. Approval of the September Disease Surveillance Reports
  - D. Approval of the September District Operations Reports  
*-Vice-President Franken made a motion to approve the Items of General Consent. Motion seconded by Trustee Blair 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 October Financial Statements for County Fund FD-4160
  - B. Accept and file the October Disbursement Report  
*-Following review, reports were accepted and filed.*
  - 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.  
*-All agreements are now current and next invoices will be sent out in January.*
  - D. Update on recruitment for a new Vector Control Technician.  
*-Job announcement and application are ready to be posted online.*
  - E. Update on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding and Mosquito Management Plan to provide mosquito management services to Storke Ranch for fiscal years 2025- 2026 and 2026-2027 and the Memorandum of Understanding and Mosquito Management Plan to provide mosquito management services to Santa Barbara Airport for fiscal year 2025-2026. District legal counsel will be in attendance to provide the update, answer questions and discuss further actions.  
*-MOUS and management plans for the Santa Barbara Airport were approved by the Santa Barbara City Council on November 18<sup>th</sup> and by Storke Ranch on November 1<sup>st</sup>.*
  - F. Update on the status of the Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Plan drafting process.  
*-A contract with Rincon Consultants has been executed and a draft is expected mid-January.*
9. NEW BUSINESS. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items:
- A. Consider and approve a proposal with Two Trumpets Communications for outreach and communications services, effective December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026. Representative(s) will be present to answer questions and discuss outreach options and strategies.  
*-Vicec-President Franken made a motion to approve the proposal. Motion seconded by Trustee Dahlquist and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.*

- B. Consider and approve attendance for Vector Biologist Technician Karen Schultz and Vector Control Technician II Royce Sharp at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California conference in La Quinta, CA, February 1-3, 2026. Estimated total cost: \$2,643 (\$1,321.60 each): Hotel: 3 nights @ \$269 per night = \$807; Meals & Incidentals: (Two full days @ \$86 x 2 = \$172 plus two travel days @ \$64.50 x 2 = \$129) = \$301; Registration: \$475 x 2 = \$950; Mileage: 418 miles round trip @ \$0.70 per mile (IRS mileage rate) = \$292.60 x 2 (if driving separately) = \$585.20.  
*-Trustee Silver made a motion to approve attendance. Motion seconded by Trustee Dahlquist and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.*
  
- C. New cases of local mosquito-transmitted Dengue virus in Los Angeles County. Five cases from two households in the City of La Puente in the San Gabriel Valley have been confirmed and two separate cases were reported from the Los Angeles metropolitan area. A mosquito pool comprised of mosquitoes collected from the vicinity of one of the metro L.A. cases tested positive for the presence of Dengue virus indicating the virus is becoming endemic in southern California. This is the first ever instance in California of a positive Dengue virus mosquito pool.  
*-GM Cabrera discussed the number of cases recently reported in La Puente and North Hollywood, as well as a travel related case in Santa Barbara County.*
  
- D. Call for nominations and notice of election for a LAFCO regular special district member.  
*-No nominations made.*

10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*-None.*

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

*-GM Cabrera gave a presentation to the Goleta Rotary club and will be speaking at a Kiwanis Club meeting in January.*

12. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

*-None.*

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:

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 Robert Williams  
 Board President

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 Hugh Rafferty  
 Board Secretary

