

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES
May 7th, 2026

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, May 7th, 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 Teri Jory
Trustee Barbara Silver
Trustee Robert Williams
Trustee Steven Gaulin

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-No changes requested.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. Introduction of new trustee Dr. Steven Gaulin, representing the County of Santa Barbara, and the administration of the oath of office.

-Trustee Gaulin introduced himself and President Taber administered the Oath of Office.

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

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Call for nominations for a trustee representative from the southern California region to serve on the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency Board of Directors.

B. CA Senate Bill 827 - new mandatory fiscal and financial training for trustees. (Page 6) Trustees on the board as of January 1, 2026, and who started their service before January 1, 2026 must receive this training before January 1, 2028.

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 Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and addressed in separate actions.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 April 9, 2026 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of the April 2026 Disease Surveillance Report
- c. Approval of the April 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 Vice President Franken and passed unanimously.

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 and Special Coastal Procedures Appendix.

-District legal counsel explained that an administrative draft of the Special Coastal Procedures section of the plan is expected to be presented to the Board within the next couple of months. It will then be shared for public review and comments. Secretary Dahlquist made a motion to receive and file the update. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

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

-GM Cabrera would like to introduce the new technician to the Board at a future meeting. A seasonal technician/trainee will be starting work on May 11th.

- C. Update on the hiring of an Operations Manager Biologist.

-The job announcement/description for this position will be advertised on the job boards of a variety of professional associations such as the MVCAC and CSDA. Candidates will be reviewed by the ad-hoc hiring committee and interviews are expected to occur in June.

- D. Update on the discovery of the Australian backyard mosquito, *Aedes notoscriptus*, in the Westside neighborhood of the City of Santa Barbara.

*-GM Cabrera provided an update on the discovery of Australian backyard mosquitoes (*Aedes notoscriptus*) in the Westside neighborhood of Santa Barbara, noting that 44 specimens have been found and a mailer will be sent to residents in the area to inform them about the situation and encourage reporting of sightings.*

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

-Vice-President Franken made a motion to receive and file the financial statements. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed unanimously.

- B. Receive and file April 2026 Disbursement Report
-Vice-President Franken made a motion to receive and file the disbursement report. Motion seconded by Trustee Gaulin and passed unanimously.
- C. Consider and approve Resolution 26-03: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County Declaring Intention to Continue Assessments, Establishing a Cost of Living Increase, Preliminarily Approving the Engineer's Report, and Providing Notice of a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for Service Zone No. 1.
-Ryan Aston, Senior Consultant with SCI Consulting, discussed the benefit assessment process and answered questions from the Board. Trustee Gaulin made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-03. Motion seconded by Trustee Williams and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
- D. Consider and approve Resolution 26-04: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County Declaring Intention to Continue Assessments, Establishing a Cost of Living Increase, Preliminarily Approving the Engineer's Report, and Providing Notice of a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for Service Zone No. 2.
-Trustee Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-04. Motion seconded by Secretary Dahlquist and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
- E. Consider and approve the District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 District Budget.
-Following discussion, Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 District budget. Motion seconded by Trustee Jory and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.
- F. The Board will consider a request from the Santa Barbara Audubon Society to fund Belding Savannah Sparrow surveys in the Goleta Slough.
-Trustee Gaulin recused himself from the discussion due to receiving an honorarium from the Audubon Society. Public comment was provided by Marc Chytilo and Mark Holmgren, both representing the Audubon Society, who stated that the surveys are necessary due to the Belding Savannah Sparrow's endangered status and potential impacts from district activities. Trustee Williams summarized discussions held by the ad-hoc committee and provided their recommendation that the District decline this request, citing the documented observations by the biological consultants accompanying District staff during their inspections and treatments. The ad hoc committee believes the most appropriate path forward is to coordinate with the other agencies identified in the March 30 letter from Marc Chytilo, to support developing Savannah sparrow surveys, while continuing to prioritize completion of the Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Plan. Secretary Dahlquist made a motion to reject the request from the Audubon Society. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and passed 6-0-1, with Trustee Gaulin abstaining.

9. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

-GM Cabrera discussed a difficult enforcement case that two technicians handled involving a confrontational resident who had numerous receptacles with standing water on their property. The technicians were able to convince the resident to allow them to empty the receptables and overturn them to prevent future retention of water.

10. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

-Trustees requested a discussion of the protocol in enforcement cases, a report on progress from Rincon Consultants, introduction of the new vector control technician, and a presentation from California Class on investment options.

11. **TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-None.

12. **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