

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
November 12th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County was held at 2:00 PM, on Thursday, November 12th, 2020 via teleconference as allowed by State of California Executive Order N-29-20.

1. ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

President Ron Hurd
Vice-President Teri Jory
Secretary Adam Lambert
Trustee Robert Williams
Trustee Charlie Blair
Trustee Cathy Schlottmann
Trustee Craig Geyer

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Trustee Patty DeDominic

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Cabrera, General Manager
Jessica Sprigg, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Troup, CPA

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

-No changes requested.

3. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS regarding District business.

A. In Remembrance of Dr. William (Bill) Walton, 2018 President of the American Mosquito Control Association, Professor of Entomology at the University of California, Riverside and renowned mosquito researcher.

-GM Cabrera spoke of the many contributions that Dr. Walton made to mosquito control research and held a moment of silence in remembrance.

B. Reminder to reapply for Trustee Appointments

-Trustees with terms set to expire were reminded to contact their appointing entities to request reappointment.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

-None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –

-None.

6. 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 Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and approved in a separate action.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 October 8, 2020 regular meeting
- B. Approval of the October Financial Statements for County Fund 4160
- C. Approval of the October Vendor Disbursement Report
- D. Approval of the October Disease Surveillance Report
- E. Approval of the October District Operations Report
 - It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Blair to approve the Items of General Consent following discussion. The Board discussed a new \$300 fee from CalPERS for the administration of Social Security benefits and the payment for a new District vehicle. Motion passed 7-0-0 with Trustee DeDominic absent.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Accounts receivable contracts' status (5909 Misc. Revenue)
 - SoCalGas would prefer to use an alternative payment method to checks to pay the District. The Board directed staff to have legal counsel draft a letter to SoCalGas emphasizing the need to have an agreement for District services in place.
- B. Invasive Aedes in Santa Barbara County
 - From the canvassing efforts of the technicians, twenty-four Aedes aegypti have been found. The species has been located near the intersection of La Cumbre Rd. and Foothill Rd. and on the Westside near Chino St. and Islay St. District staff is hopeful that activity will decrease with colder weather arriving. Media outlets as well as local government agencies have been notified of the detection of these invasive mosquitoes.
- C. Update on Building Inspection.
 - GM Cabrera consulted with Ron Pike, a structural engineer, about the crack in the walls of the District office. Mr. Pike explained the composition of the soil in Summerland and the tendency of it to expand and contract as a result of saturation from rain. He indicated that the cracks are a cosmetic issue and not a safety concern. He will follow up on the issue in January.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recognition for Staff.
 - Vice-President Jory spoke of her desire to express appreciation to staff for their tireless efforts to reduce mosquito populations for the community. It was suggested that staff hold a small socially distanced holiday meal at the District office coupled with a training activity. As recognition for the hard work of GM Cabrera, Trustee Geyer made a motion to nominate him for the SBCCSDA General Manager of the year. Motion seconded by Vice-President Jory and passed 7-0-0 with Trustee DeDominic absent.
- B. Mosquito pool sample tests positive for West Nile Virus.
 - On October 23, District received WNV positive results for a Southern House Mosquito that was captured near where the Aedes aegypti was first detected. Two crows were tested for WNV in October and the results were negative.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

- GM Cabrera was interviewed for a video project that will be shown to elementary school children to inform them about mosquitoes.
- The Ford Fusion was found to have damage from rodents in the engine. District staff is considering a press release to inform the community of increased rodent activity in vehicles, especially as many residents are using their vehicles less due to working from home.

10. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Geyer would like a timeline for the upcoming union contract negotiations.*
- Trustee Schlottmann would like the resolution and paperwork for a PARS agreement at the next meeting.*
- Trustee Blair spoke about the nomination period for the SBCCSDA awards. The speaker for the October meeting was Joseph Holland from the County Elections Office.*
- President Hurd announced that he will be resigning from the Board after more than ten years of service. He has recruited a replacement for himself that he feels would be a good fit for the Board due to his background in agriculture and pesticide usage.*

11. 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:

BY:

APPROVED:

Ron Hurd
Board President

Adam Lambert
Board Secretary