

MINUTES

1074th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT November 13th, 2019

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: Office of the District, 23187 Connecticut Street, Hayward
TRUSTEES: Eric Hentschke, President, City of Newark
Wendi Poulson, Vice-President, City of Alameda
P. Robert Beatty, Secretary, City of Berkeley
Cathy Roache, County-at-Large
Alan Brown, City of Dublin
Betsy Cooley, City of Emeryville
George Young, City of Fremont
Elisa Marquez, City of Hayward
James N. Doggett, City of Livermore
Jan O. Washburn, City of Oakland
Robert Dickinson, City of Piedmont
Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton
Victor Aguilar, City of San Leandro
Subru Bhat, City of Union City

1. Board President Hentschke called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. Trustees Hentschke, Beatty, Roache, Cooley, Young, Marquez, Doggett, Washburn, Narum, Aguilar and Bhat were present. Trustees Poulson and Brown were absent. Trustee Dickinson arrived at 5:05 P.M.
3. Board President Hentschke invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the District. Lab Director Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton and Regulatory and Public Affairs Director Erika Castillo were present to give a presentation about Mosquito Control on the SF Bay Shoreline. Vector Biologist Jeremy Sette was present to record the minutes.
4. Approval of minutes of the 1073rd meeting held October 9th, 2019.
Discussion: The General Manager noted some corrections from the previous month's minutes: Trustee Washburn met with officials in 2015, not 2012; "recent" should be changed to "recently"; change "or" to "nor".
Motion: Trustee Aguilar moved to approve the minutes with the changes
Second: Trustee Marquez
Vote: motion carries: unanimous.
5. Appointment of a committee to nominate candidates for board offices.
Discussion:
Trustees Washburn, Narum and Doggett were recommended to be appointed to the committee to nominate candidates for Board offices.
Motion: Trustee Beatty moved to approve the appointment of Trustees Washburn, Narum and Doggett to the Committee to Nominate Candidates for Board Offices
Second: Trustee Bhat
Vote: motion carries: unanimous.
6. Presentation: *Mosquito Control on the SF Bay Shoreline* by Regulatory and Public Affairs Director Erika Castillo and Lab Director Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton.

Discussion:

The General Manager gave a background of the presentation and introduced Regulatory and Public Affairs Director Erika Castillo and Lab Director Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton. Castillo and Haas-Stapleton gave their presentation and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Beatty asked for the definition of an ecotone (Haas-Stapleton answered: an ecotone is the transition space between two different types of ecological environments). The General Manager commended Castillo and Haas-Stapleton for their ongoing efforts and explained that ACMAD is leading the conversation on mosquito control issues in this arena. Castillo expressed the importance of having communication with cities on any future construction projects which might produce standing water, including ecotone horizontal levees. Trustee Marquez asked which criteria cities might use to know which projects to send over to ACMAD (Castillo answered: any projects would be useful). The General Manager asked Trustee Marquez which department to contact on building projects (Trustee Marquez answered: Community Development Department). Trustee Beatty commented on his interest in how ecotones are developed. Castillo commented that ACMAD wants to be ahead of the projects to give input during the design and planning phase of ecotone projects and is interested in becoming part of the permitting of ecotones. The General Manager commented that making land managers pay for costs would be a last resort scenario if ACMAD's comments are not considered when developing ecotones. President Hentschke asked how the District can fine land managers (the General Manager answered that they would follow Health and Safety Code laws which give the District authority to levy abatement penalties). Trustee Dickinson asked if there were certain building codes one had to follow for horizontal levees, similar to building codes, and if we could get involved there (Castillo answered: not currently, hence the need for continued efforts by the District to be involved with development and within CEQA regulations). Trustee Dickinson asked for the definition of CEQA (Castillo answered: California Environmental Quality Act which led to the District's own PEIR and mentioned that past efforts to reform CEQA to address mosquito control concerns fell through). The General Manager commented that there is a stress being placed on the development of the bay because of the housing crisis and that the District will be going to use data to drive the District's concerns and efforts. President Hentschke asked if there were any other interests that ACMAD could work with regarding mosquito control interests in ecotones (The General Manager answered: contact has been made with the East Bay Dischargers Association regarding any future development of ecotones in Alameda County and that it was important for the District to continue to go to special district meetings and conferences to discuss design ideas and changes with other land owners before they are built).

7. Presentation of the Financial Reports as of October 31st, 2019.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Financial Reports as of October 31st, 2019.

8. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report for October 2019.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Monthly Staff Report for October 2019 for Operations. Haas-Stapleton gave the Monthly Staff Report for the Lab and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Beatty asked for clarification on the KDR assay (mostly testing the top three *Culex* possible West Nile Virus carriers-*Culex pipiens*, *Culex tarsalis* and *Culex erythrothorax*) and asked how many mosquitoes were tested (every *Culex* species in the summer of 2019). Trustee Washburn will ask his contacts at the Vero Beach lab in Florida to send mosquitoes for testing. The General Manager commended seasonal employee Kelli Hager for her role on the KDR assay. Castillo gave the Monthly Staff Report for Public Affairs and fielded the following questions. Trustee Marquez commended Haas-Stapleton and Castillo's presentation and ongoing work and asked if Castillo could promote the District through city channels that

broadcast council meetings. Trustee Narum commented that it would be beneficial to have ACMAD information shown in this forum.

9. Presentation of the Manager's Report for October 2019.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Manager's Report for October 2019 and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Dickinson announced he would be stepping down after the completion of this term. The General Manager commended Trustee Dickinson's service to the District, especially regarding his contributions to the financial reporting and investment advice. The General Manager announced that Trustee Brown will also be stepping down as he is moving out of Alameda County and asked the Board to let him know if anyone is interested in the upcoming conferences. Trustee Washburn asked if the General Manager would want any Board members to attend the LAFCo hearing (it may be worthwhile to have representation), asked if retired manager John Rusmisl might be attending (not sure), and also asked if the General Manager would be the only one from the District planning on speaking at the LAFCo hearing (yes). Trustee Marquez mentioned that there is usually not a rebuttal time after speakers during the LAFCo hearings and he should ask to speak last, if possible. Trustee Narum suggested mentioning that the District is very financially stable, with sufficient reserves, and has no need or plans to raise rates, and that mosquitoes do not know city boundaries. Trustees Beatty and Cooley gave advice to only stick to clearly defined facts. Trustee Bhat mentioned that he wrote a letter to the Mayor and City Council of Albany and Union City disputing erroneous statements by Mr. Gay at the Albany City Council meeting in September. Trustee Beatty commented that the Albany's City Council's mind was made up before the meeting in September which is unfortunate as they did not review the past LAFCo efforts at annexation, and that fairness, solvency, and clarity, are the District's strongest arguments. The General Manager thanked the Trustees for guidance in the LAFCo process and that he would be leaving a training session early to attend the LAFCo hearing.

10. Board President Hentschke asked for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees. Trustee Narum brought up the California League of Cities and how she received mosquito education materials from Los Angeles County West Vector Control.
11. Board President Hentschke asked for announcements from the Board. The General Manager announced that Vector Biologist, Miguel Cardenas, had accepted a supervisorial position at Santa Clara County Mosquito and Vector Control, commended his long service at ACMAD, and that his last day at ACMAD would be on December 13th, 2019.
12. Board President Hentschke asked trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. None.
13. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1075th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held December 11th, 2019


Eric Hentschke, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES


P. Robert Beatty, Secretary
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