

MINUTES

1105th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

September 14th, 2022

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Physically held at the Office of the District
23187 Connecticut Street, Hayward, CA 94545 and
Teleconferencing at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83643352609>
TRUSTEES: Subru Bhat, President, City of Union City
Victor Aguilar, Vice-President, City of San Leandro
Cathy Roache, Secretary, County-at-Large
Tyler Savage, City of Alameda
Preston Jordan, City of Albany
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley
Shawn Kumagai, City of Dublin
Courtney Welch, City of Emeryville
George Young, City of Fremont
Elisa Márquez, City of Hayward
Steven Cox, City of Livermore
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
Jan O. Washburn, City of Oakland
Hope Salzer, City of Piedmont
Julie Testa, City of Pleasanton

1. Board President Bhat called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. Board President Bhat along with Secretary Roache and Trustee Hentschke were present in-person at the district. Trustees Aguilar, Jordan, Beatty, Kumagai, Young, Márquez, Cox, Salzer, and Testa were present on the Zoom conference. Trustee Savage logged into the Zoom meeting at 5:08 P.M. Trustees Welch and Washburn were absent.
3. Board President Bhat invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Field Operations Supervisor Joseph Huston was present to speak on item 5 and the Monthly Staff Report. Vector Biologist Tom McMahon was present for item 5. Information Technology Director Robert Ferdan was present for technical support. Vector Biologist Jeremy Sette was present to record the minutes. No public comments were submitted.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1104th meeting held August 10th, 2022.
Motion: Trustee Testa moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Kumagai
Vote: motion carries: unanimous.
5. Resolution 1105-1 honoring Vector Biologist, Tom McMahon.
Discussion:

The General Manager and the Field Operations Supervisor gave a background of Vector Biologist Tom McMahon's remarkable achievements in his career with the district, expressed their pleasure working with McMahon, and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement. McMahon thanked the Board and staff while sharing his retirement plans.

Motion: Secretary Roache moved to approve Resolution 1105-1

Second: Trustee Marquez

Vote: motion carries: unanimous.

6. Appointment of an ad-hoc policy review committee to review proposed changes to district policy.

Discussion:

The General Manager gave a background of the recommended policy updates and asked the Board for a minimum of two trustees to volunteer for an ad-hoc policy review committee to review proposed changes to district policy. Trustees Beatty and Roache volunteered.

Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to appoint Trustees Beatty and Roache to the policy review committee

Second: Trustee Beatty

Vote: motion carries: unanimous.

7. Review of CalPERS June 30th, 2021, valuation reports.

Discussion:

The General Manager gave a review of the CalPERS June 30th, 2021, valuation report and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Beatty asked if the board has a choice in funding CalPERS or if this is only for information (while there are required CalPERS payments, the district has funding options that are discussed during finance committee budgetary meetings in the spring). Trustee Jordan asked if the minimum payment was an interest payment (yes, in a way, driven by the health of the market at the time of the report) and asked how the UAL minimum payment is determined (this is a complex calculation that will require explanation from our CalPERS actuary). Trustee Jordan also asked if special districts have the equivalent of a tax-exempt municipal Bond (yes, but not mosquito abatement districts). President Bhat commented that the finance committee annually reviews pension financing options and did pass on the option of pension obligation bonds.

8. Financial Reports as of August 31st, 2022.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Financial Reports and thanked the Trustees who signed checks.

9. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report.

Discussion:

Field Operations Supervisor Joseph Huston gave the Operations Report and fielded the following discussion. President Bhat asked for clarification on why service requests were near a 10-year low for the month of August, and if it was due to general lack of rain (explained variety of factors contributing to the low count). Trustee Márquez thanked Huston for his report and asked what kind of preparation goes into king tide events, operationally speaking (explained ditching program, predictive models used by Operations staff, and cross-department collaboration), asked how many technicians are involved with the treatments (depends on zones, most of field staff is involved, and explained A1 use and efficacy), and asked how many king-tide events occurred a month in a four-month period (varies by year and season, last year about two a month and this year at least one a month). Secretary Roache asked if the district will be involved with the Science in the Park event

(the General Manager will look into it). Field Operations Supervisor Huston gave a background of his work in East Oakland as a technician for 20+ years and noted that operations staff continuously monitors and treats large sources that would affect East Oakland if left untreated such as the marshes surrounding Oakland Airport. Huston explained his plans in conjunction with Lab staff in exploring current sources in East Oakland. The General Manager also explained the measurable uptick in calls for service already from recent outreach efforts in these areas. Trustee Testa appreciated the General Manager's report and asked for a narrative explaining ACMAD services that she could share with her city (will connect to outreach staff). Trustee Testa commented on the high number of flies currently in the Pleasanton area and expressed her appreciation for Erika Castillo's response to her questions. President Bhat asked if we could share the article that quoted Erika (yes). Trustee Salzer asked what the optimal intersection would be between the district and private pest control companies (gave a background of situations where invasive *Aedes* areas are handled by mosquito abatement districts along with private pest control companies). Huston commented on the business model of private pest control companies and the importance of how they should collaborate, which the district is working towards. Trustee Testa mentioned how helpful Vector Biologist John Busam's field education, "ride-along," was for her.

10. Presentation of the Manager's Report.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Manager's Report giving kudos to Financial & HR Specialist Michelle Robles for her involvement in the recruitment process for the newly hired Assistant Mosquito Control Technician, Pamela Wilde, and welcomed the latter to ACMAD. President Bhat commented on his experience at this year's CSDA conference and encouraged other Trustees to attend next year.

11. Board President Bhat asked for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees. None besides the CSDA conference commented in item 10.

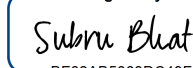
12. Board President Bhat asked for announcements from the Board. Trustee Hentschke commented on the recent HASPA meeting. The General Manager commented on an upcoming California CLASS meeting in October.


13. Board President Bhat asked trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. The General Manager noted a report on our OPEB fund and policy will be forthcoming.

14. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1106th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held October 12th, 2022


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