MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 12, 2017
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District was held on April 12, 2017 in the District Office at 1351 Rollins Road, Burlingame, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:
Mason Brutsche
Wade Leschyn
Carolyn Parker
Joe Galligan
Joe Silva
Glenn Sylvester
Donna Rutherford
Richard Wykoff
Kati Martin
Dr. Scott Smith
Justin Evans
Muhammad Baluom
Peter DeJarnatt
Ray Williams
Kat Lion
Robert Riechel
Mairin Joseph-Talreja
Ed Degliantoni
Alvin Zachariah

Town of Atherton
City of Belmont
City of Brisbane
City of Burlingame
City of Colma
City of Daly City
City of East Palo Alto
City of Foster City
City of Half Moon Bay
Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park
City of Millbrae
City of Pacifica
Town of Portola Valley
City of Redwood City
City of San Bruno
City of San Carlos
City of San Mateo
City of South San Francisco

TRUSTEES ABSENT:
Jason Seifer
Justin Evans
Vacant

County-at-Large
City of Menlo Park
Town of Woodside

OTHERS PRESENT:
District Manager, Dr. Chindi Peavey
Finance Director, David S. Randall, MPA
Assistant Manager, Brian Weber
District General Counsel, Alexandra Barnhill
Public Health Education and Outreach, Megan Sebay
Lab Operations – Warren MacDonald, Vector Ecologist
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 12, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Wykoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Oath of office.

None

4. ROLL CALL

The roll call indicated that 18 Trustees were present, constituting a quorum.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Riechel requested item E (positions on upcoming legislation) be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion.

Motion by Trustee DeJarnatt, 2nd by Trustee Smith, to accept the Consent calendar without item E, was approved 18-0.

Item E - District Manager, Dr. Chindi Peavey, reviewed the materials from the Board packet with regard to upcoming legislative activity. Individual votes were taken on each of the items allowing the District Manager to represent the Board’s position on each to the District’s legislators and professional organizations.

a. AB718 (Frazier) - pest abatement fee exemption for managed wetland habitat
Motion by Trustee Galligan, 2nd by Trustee Rutherford, to authorize the District Manager to provide input to state legislators on behalf of the District in opposition to AB718, was approved 18-0.

b. AB1687 (Bloom)– Pesticides; use of anticoagulants

Motion by Trustee Riechel, 2nd by Trustee DeJarnatt, to take no position on AB1617, was approved 18-0.

c. SB382 (Pan)– creating an account and appropriation for a California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program

Motion by Trustee Galligan, 2nd by Trustee Rutherford, to authorize the District Manager to provide input to state legislators on behalf of the District in support of SB382, was approved 18-0.

d. AB527 (Caballero) – pest control aircraft pilot's license certificate for unmanned aircraft (drones)

Motion by Trustee Galligan, 2nd by Trustee Riechel, to authorize the District Manager to provide input to state legislators on behalf of the District in support of AB527, was approved 18-0.

A general discussion ensued regarding the formation of a Legislative Committee, consisting of Board members, to monitor legislative activity as it relates to Mosquito and Vector Control issues. The Policy Committee will research and proffer a recommendation.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Strategic Planning Committee – no meeting
C. Policy Committee – met April 12, 2017 to discuss policy manual sections 3010, 3060, 3090, and 3050 and 4080.08 to be considered at the May 10, 2017 Board Meeting. Policy 3050 was pulled from the agenda to be considered at a later date.

The Board was asked to approve the recommendations of the Policy Committee from their March 8, 2017 meeting on policies

2. District Policy 3080 Mosquito and Vector Borne Disease Research Funding. Change the wording of section 3080.10 to correct grammar and increase clarity. Change “the District supports funds necessary for mosquito and vector control research” to “the District supports the allocation of funds by state and federal government for mosquito and vector control research.” The vector control on Bair Island is now covered under Appendix K of the 2006 Bair Island Final Environmental Impact Report-Environmental Impact Statement, a public document.

3. District Policy 3040 Loss, Preservation and Improvement of Public Health Pesticides – Insert the words “requirement for” before the words “state or federal registration” in the first sentence of 3040.20 to clarify the meaning of the sentence.

Motion by Trustee Riechel, 2nd by Trustee Degliantoni, to approve the recommended changes to the Sections 3020, 3040 and 3080 of the District’s policy manual, was approved 18-0.

Action on District Policy 3050 Endangered Species Act was tabled until completion of the District’s PEIR

D. Manager’s Evaluation Committee – setting its next meeting to occur immediately before next Board meeting in May.
E. Finance Committee – reviewed Board packet materials. Discussion regarding the District’s contract with Cardno was deferred to item 11 of this agenda.

8. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager David Randall reviewed the materials provided in the board packet.

Motion by Trustee DeJarnatt, 2nd by Trustee Sylvester, to approve the Financial Documents for fiscal year 2016/17: July 2016 through February 2017, was approved 18-0.

9. STAFF REPORTS

A. Assistant Manager Brian Weber reviewed the materials from the Board packet. A general discussion ensued regarding the identification of various types of mosquitoes and their habitat. Weber indicated that one of the county’s indigenous mosquitoes bears a resemblance to the Aedes aegypti mosquito causing misidentification.
B. Previous Lab Director, Dr. Zahiri Nayer thanked the Board and staff for their kindness and professional support.

Vector Ecologist Warren Macdonald presented a handout detailing the infection prevalence of hantavirus in deer mice. He commented that the population of mice on San Bruno Mountain is high this year due to the additional rain, but hantavirus infection prevalence is lower than 2016.

Trustee Riechel inquired if additional outreach was being conducted to alert users of San Bruno about the increased risk of Hantavirus this year. Public Health Education and Outreach, Megan Sebay, indicated there has been increased outreach to inform the residents near San Bruno Mountain.

Trustee Smith inquired if the rodents were being euthanized during the disease survey. Macdonald indicated the District uses live trapping to collect mice for testing, and that the mice are released afterwards.

C. Public Health, Education, and Outreach Officer, Megan Sebay, reviewed the materials from the Board packet.

Trustee Mairin Joseph-Talreja left @ 6:45 PM.

10. Resolution M-007-017 thanking Dr. Zahiri Nayer for her service to the District
RESOLUTION M-007-17

IN HONOR OF
NEYER ZAHIRI, LABORATORY DIRECTOR
OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Nayer Zahiri served as District Laboratory Director from October 2012 to April 2017, and

WHEREAS, Nayer Zahiri has contributed significantly to the advancement of the District’s scientific programs: introducing PCR technology for accurate and rapid detection of West Nile virus and other pathogens in local vectors, setting up a program for monitoring the sensitivity of local mosquito populations to control materials through a resistance testing program, and strengthening the District’s surveillance program for vector-borne diseases and

WHEREAS, the monitoring program that Nayer Zahiri implemented in 2013 for invasive Aedes mosquitoes enabled the District to detect an infestation of Aedes aegypti in Menlo Park at an early stage, contain it in a small area and ultimately eliminate it, and

WHEREAS, Nayer Zahiri has served in this position with professionalism and distinction, reporting monthly to the Board on Laboratory activities and giving scientific presentations at state and national conferences on the District’s behalf which advanced the District’s reputation and standing and

WHEREAS, Nayer Zahiri has been selected to serve as the District Manager for the Santa Clara Mosquito and Vector Control District, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District, do hereby thank and commend Nayer Zahiri for her contributions to the District’s programs and are proud to have benefited from her scientific expertise, intelligence and kindness during her tenure here.

ADOPTED, This 12th day of April, 2017.

Rick Wykoff, Board President
Kati Martin, Board Secretary
Motion by Trustee Leschyn, 2nd by Trustee Rutherford to adopt Resolution M-007-17, was approved 17-0.

11. Agreement for Consultant Services with Cardno to conduct additional work on the District’s Programmatic EIR.

   General Counsel Barnhill reviewed the recent discussions regarding the District’s current and continuing contract for consultation on the District’s Programmatic EIR.

   Motion by Trustee Brustchy, 2nd by Trustee Rutherford, to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation to extend the consulting contract with Cardno Environmental Services as outlined in the Board packet, was approved 17-0.

12. Committee Assignments

   Trustee Parker has been appointed to the Policy Committee and the Environmental/Public Outreach Committee.
   Trustee Evans has been appointed to the Environmental/Outreach Committee.

13. MANAGER’S REPORT

   District Manager Dr. Chindi Peavey reviewed the items provided in the Board packet

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

   None

12. ANNOUNCE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

   The March Board meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017.

13. ADJOURNMENT

   The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.
The agenda for the April 12, 2017 Board meeting was posted at the District office on April 7, 2017.

Rick Wykoff, Board President  Kati Martin, Board Secretary

I certify the above minutes were approved as read or corrected at a meeting of the Board held on May 10, 2017.

** All reports that were provided to the trustees as the board meeting will be available upon request.

Approved:

District Manager  Board President

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