

MINUTES

1132nd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

January 8th, 2025

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/86407248266>
TRUSTEES: Tyler Savage, President, City of Alameda
Kashef Qaadri, Vice-President, City of Dublin
John Bauters, Secretary, City of Emeryville: *from 4260 Halleck St, Emeryville*
Cathy Roache, County-at-Large
Preston Jordan, City of Albany
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley
John Zlatnik, City of Fremont
George Syrop, City of Hayward
Maya Manoharan, City of Livermore: *from 1845 Marini Ln, Livermore*
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
Lisa Rasler, City of Oakland
Hope Salzer, City of Piedmont: *from 76 Cambrian Ave, Piedmont*
Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton
Victor Aguilar, City of San Leandro
Subru Bhat, City of Union City

1. Board President Roache called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:08 pm.
2. Trustees Qaadri, Roache, Jordan, Zlatnik, Hentschke and Bhat were present at the District. Trustees Syrop and Aguilar arrived at the district at 5:14 pm and 5:37 pm, respectively. Trustees Bauters, Salzer and Manoharan were present remotely from the publicly posted locations above. Trustees Savage, Beatty, Rasler and Nibert were absent. President Roache introduced the new (returning) Board Member who was present, Preston Jordan representing the City of Albany.
3. President Roache invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Lab Director, Eric Haas-Stapleton, was present to complete the staff report as the General Manager had to leave at 6:00 P.M. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present for technical support. Vector Biologist, Sarah Lawton, was present to record the minutes.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1131st meeting held December 11th, 2024.
Discussion: None
Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Zlatnik

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

5. Election of Board Officers. Gavel transfer from President Roache to the newly elected President Savage.

Discussion: The General Manager reminded the Trustees of the already approved slate of officers approved at the December Board meeting. After the election, Vice President Qaadri led the meeting as President Savage was absent.

Motion: Trustee Bhat moved to accept the slate of Officers: Trustee Savage as President, Trustee Qaadri as Vice-President, and Trustee Bauters as Secretary.

Second: Trustee Salzer

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

6. Review of 2025 Board Meeting dates

Discussion: Trustee Roache mentioned that Wednesday, February 12th is Lincoln's birthday, a County of Alameda holiday.

Motion: Trustee Manoharan moved to approve the 2025 calendar

Second: Trustee Roache

Vote: Motion carries: Trustee Syrop abstains.

7. Confirm Finance Committee membership, set upcoming meeting dates, and appoint a Chair

Discussion: Trustee Roache asked if the Board President is usually on the committee (not required.) Vice-President Qaadri asked if Trustee Roache would still like to be on the committee (she will remain on the committee.) Vice President Qaadri asked if Trustee Hentschke would still like to be on the committee (yes, he will remain on the committee.) Vice president Qaadri will return to the committee and asked if anyone else would like to be on the committee which Trustee Jordan volunteered for. President Savage was not present, but was assigned to Chair, if he accepts.

Motion: Trustee Syrop moved to approve the committee members.

Second: Trustee Hentschke

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

8. Special District Leadership Foundation District Transparency Certificate of Excellence – Presented by Dane Wadlé, CSDA Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator

Discussion: Dane Wadlé gave background information and presented the Certificate. Trustee Jordan and Trustee Qaadri asked how many special districts there are (>2000 special districts statewide.) Trustee Preston asked if the number of districts who receive this is low because they do not meet the requirements or because they do not apply (besides the lengthy application process, there are other challenging limitations of this optional recognition program).

9. Verbal update from the ad-hoc manager evaluation committee

Discussion: Trustee Roache reported that they have a meeting this Friday with RGS and will report back next month.

10. Verbal update from the ad-hoc energy committee

Discussion: Vice-President Qaadri gave an update on the General Manager's email highlighting energy and solar usage. Trustee Salzer wanted to point out the requirement for ROI as it will relate to leveling out the costs compared to the returns from solar power.

11. Form 700 FPPC Conflict of Interest Report

Discussion: The General Manager gave background information and reminded Trustees that the forms are due by this March.

12. Financial Reports as of December 31st, 2024

Discussion: The General Manager presented highlights from the financial report and thanked Trustees Hentschke and Bhat for signing checks. Trustee Syrop asked where the belt buckles were purchased from (a company based in Fargo North Dakota as the previous company which we used nearly 40 years ago had higher prices and now operated production overseas.) Trustee Salzer pointed out that the 3-year-comparison graph is expressed as a percentage and feels it might be more useful expressed in dollar amounts (we will send some drafts of alternate graphs to see if they are more helpful.)

13. Presentation of the Manager's Report

Discussion: The General Manager presented his report and thanked the Board for flexibility to allow him to leave the meeting at 6:00 P.M. for his Italian language lessons.

14. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report

Discussion: Eric Haas-Stapleton presented the Staff Report and fielded questions along with Sarah Lawton and Robert Ferdan. Trustee Syrop asked if drone findings have been shared with other districts (yes, we do plan to share this.) Trustee Qaadri asked why we feel there is a second peak in *Cx. erythrothorax* numbers (the larvae are easier to detect earlier in the year compared to later, when we start to rely on trap results more.) Trustee Jordan asked about large peaks (traps are placed roughly every two weeks, so peaks are also related to "zero values" being inputted when traps are not placed.) Trustee Salzer asked about tree hole mosquitoes and if there is a way to save their locations in a map and see them on a layer in the database (yes, we do save them and can view them in a layer in MapVision.) Trustee Roache asked about avian influenza and if we are working with any other agencies (we paused collecting birds for testing due to risks of highly pathogenic avian influenza that was reported by California Department of Public Health and low detections of West Nile virus in birds during this time of year, we halted the sentinel chicken program because our mosquito monitoring program is robust and staff effort is relatively high to support the program.) Trustee Syrop asked if mosquitoes can pass bird flu (no, it is a respiratory virus.) Trustee Bhat mentioned that he hopes our local legislation will be supportive to special districts in the future. Trustee Syrop asked for clarification on that comment (CSDA, which ACMAD is a member, opposed some bills authored by local Assemblymembers.) Trustee Syrop pointed out that he has worked with Assemblymember Ortega's office in the past. Trustee Salzer brought up the fact that more service requests are made by phone than by the website and asked if it is a good idea to add a message in our phone system that could direct them to our website (we are in the process of updating and streamlining our system and will update the Board when the project is completed).

15. Board President asks for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees.

Discussion: Trustee Hentschke mentioned that the HASPA meeting will be held at the District in January and will give a report next month.

16. Board President asks for announcements from members of the Board.

Discussion: Trustee Aguilar was just appointed by San Leandro to his final two-year term on the Board.

17. Board President asks trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Discussion: None.

18. Adjournment at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected at the 1133rd meeting of the Board of Trustees held February 12th, 2025

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Tyler Savage

Tyler Savage, President
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