

MINUTES

1127th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

July 10th, 2024

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/87903552981>
TRUSTEES: Cathy Roache, President, County-at-Large
Tyler Savage, Vice-President, City of Alameda
Valerie Arkin, Secretary, City of Pleasanton
Robin López, City of Albany
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley
Kashef Qaadri, City of Dublin
John Bauters, City of Emeryville
John Zlatnik, City of Fremont
George Syrop, City of Hayward
Maya Manoharan, City of Livermore
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
Lisa Rasler, City of Oakland
Hope Salzer, City of Piedmont: *from 76 Cambrian Ave., Piedmont*
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 5:04 pm.
2. Trustees Roache, Qaadri, Zlatnik, Syrop, Manoharan, Hentschke, Rasler and Bhat were present in person at the district. Trustee Salzer attended remotely from the publicly posted location above. Trustees Aguilar, Savage, Bauters and arrived in person at 5:06, 5:16, and 5:17, respectively. Trustees Arkin, Beatty and López were absent.
3. President Roache invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Vector Biologist, Sarah Lawton, was present to record the minutes. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present for technical support. Field Operations Supervisor Joseph Huston was present to report on item # 5.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1126th meeting held June 12th, 2024.
Discussion: None
Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Zlatnik
Roll-Call Vote: Motion carries, Trustee Salzer abstains

5. Presentation by Joseph Huston: *Mosquito Species of Alameda County*.

Discussion: Trustee Manoharan asked if vector species are treated differently than other species (yes, our priority is preventing disease but depends it on the season, for example in the winter when there is minimal viral activity, different species will take priority.) She followed up asking if the treatment methods are the same for vectors versus non-vectors (yes.) Trustee Salzer asked about life cycle, she thought larvae need stagnant water, but some in the presentation are some listed to be found in streams and creeks, so can they come from moving water? What about moving air currents as well, she heard they are poor flyers in wind, is that true for all species (“standing” water may be a better term than “stagnant”, sections on the sides of streams and creeks tend to stop flowing. Some species are weak, some are very strong flyers.)

6. Closed session to discuss the General Manager’s twelve-month evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Discussion: No actions taken coming out of closed session.

7. Appointment of an ad-hoc manager evaluation committee to review proposed changes to the evaluation process.

Discussion: Trustee Bhat asked for Trustee Bauters opinion where he recommended that it is helpful to evaluate the evaluation process as the District must think of any future manager and we should make the process objective. Trustee Bhat does not know if anything needs to be changed or not. The General Manager expressed that he is open to new ideas. President Roache asked if we can choose a committee now or closer to January? Trustee Bhat says why not choose a committee now? To which Trustee Bauters agreed that now is a good time so the Board will be more prepared next year. President Roache asked for any volunteers. Trustees Hentschke, Bauters and Bhat volunteered, and President Roache appointed herself and Trustees Savage and Arkin as future Presidents. Trustee Syrop asked if there needs to be a quorum within the ad-hoc committee to make recommendations (no.)

Motion: Trustee Savage moved to appoint an ad-hoc committee.

Second: Trustee Bauters

Roll-Call Vote: Motion carries, Trustee Hentschke abstains

8. Financial Reports as of June 30th, 2024

Discussion: Trustee Aguilar asked what “Gannet California LocalIQ” is (a marketing firm). Trustee Rasler asked what GCJ Inc is (construction company for the aquaculture building). Trustee Bauter asked about the credit card purchases (the itemized receipts were once included, will be included again as currently, only the trustees signing checks review these). Trustee Savage asked about Medicare cost differences (did not hire as many seasonal employees as we expected).

9. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report

Discussion: Joseph Huston presented the Operations section of the Staff Report. Trustee Hentschke asked if anyone else in the county monitors dead birds (no, we are the only agency that will test dead birds for arboviruses. Other agencies may receive them, but they will forward them to us). President Roache asked if Sulfer Creeks collects dead birds (no). Trustee Syrop asked if there's a budget to “promote posts” which would increase reach (will pass that idea to Judi.) Trustee Qaadri asked about Instagram (we have considered this, especially with the unique habitats we get to see which will be forwarded to Judi). Trustee Syrop believes Instagram appeals to the younger demographic and it allows posts to apply to both platforms at

once. Trustee Zlatnik suggested that the District look into working at the Niles Flea Market (will pass that along to Judi). Trustee Bauters commented about the unmaintained swimming pool images and how he would not want that to be his neighbor.

10. Presentation of the Manager's Report

Discussion: None.

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

Discussion: None

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

Discussion: Trustee Aguilar promoted San Leandro's inaugural Pride event at 222 Davis St. From 4-8 pm on 7/12/24 and would love to see ACMAD presence at next year's event. The General Manager will be away from the district from this Friday through August 1st.


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

Discussion: Trustee Syrop requested that today's presentation and next month's presentation be added to our website (good idea, will make sure presentation is suitable for posting). Trustee Savage requested a summary page of the species that were presented today (yes, we have one we can give you.)

14. Adjournment at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1128th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held August 14th, 2024


Cathy Roache, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



~~Valerie Arkin, Secretary~~
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