

MINUTES

1130th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

November 13th, 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/86407248266>
TRUSTEES: Cathy Roache, President, County-at-Large
Tyler Savage, Vice-President, City of Alameda
Valerie Arkin, Secretary, City of Pleasanton: *from 3740 Newton, Pleasanton*
Robin López, City of Albany: *from 1249 Marin Ave., 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 5:06 pm.
2. Trustees Roache, Savage, Beatty, Zlatnik, Syrop, Manoharan, Hentschke and Bhat were present at the District. Trustees Arkin, López, Salzer were present remotely from the publicly posted locations above. Trustee Rasler was absent. Trustees Qaadri, Bauters, and Aguilar were present under AB 2449 exemption which requires Board approval.
Discussion: Trustee Bauters stated that he is requesting AB 2449 approval since he was not able to post his location 72-hours prior to the meeting due to hurricane damage at his previously planned location. Trustees Aguilar and Qaadri stated they were not able to post thier location 72-hours prior to the meeting because they had not yet arrived in time.
Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve remote attendance
Second: Trustee Savage
Vote: Motion carries: unanimous
3. President Roache invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Vector Biologist, Sarah Lawton, was present remotely to record the minutes. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present for technical support.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1129th meeting held October 9th, 2024.

Discussion: None

Motion: Trustee Manoharan moved to approve the minutes

Second: Trustee Zlatnik

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

5. Appointment of an ad-hoc committee to nominate candidates for 2025 Board officers.

Discussion: Trustee Beatty asks why Trustees with longer service are not yet Officers (Trustees have the option of passing) Trustee Zlatnik asked if there are any qualifications for being on the committee and noted he does not know everyone well yet (no qualifications necessary). He followed up by asking how many members are needed (at least two). Trustee Bhat noted that not knowing everyone is a positive thing because you would not be biased in your decision. Trustee Zlatnik stated he would be on the committee. Trustee Beatty said that he would return to the committee along with Trustees Hentschke and Manoharan who volunteered.

Motion: Trustee Bhat moved to approve Trustees Zlatnik, Beatty, Hentschke and Manoharan to be on the ad-hoc committee

Second: Trustee Syrop

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

6. Appointment of an ad-hoc energy committee.

Discussion: Trustees Savage, Qaadri and Salzer stated they would like to be on the committee.

Motion: Trustee Beatty moved to approve Trustees Savage, Qaadri and Salzer to the committee

Second: Trustee Hentschke

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

7. Verbal Update from the ad-hoc manager evaluation committee

Discussion: President Roache reported that they have a meeting set for November 19, 2024, at 2 pm, which as a reminder, consists of herself and Trustees Savage, Hentschke, Bauters and Bhat.

8. Financial Reports as of October 31st, 2024

Discussion: President Roache asked what company All-Ways Green Services is, for around \$800 (it is the landscaping company we used prior to our recent district tours.) Trustee Qaadri commented on how he liked the new visual report. Trustee Savage asked what triggers a withdrawal from the public health emergency fund (increased efforts that would exceed existing budget categories for items like mosquito control products, new equipment, hiring mutual aid employees, and supporting volunteers.) He followed up by asking if it is common for districts to do mutual aid (not for mosquito districts (ours was the first), but it is modeled after public safety practices for immediate access to trained labor & equipment).

9. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report

Discussion: Trustee Zlatnik noticed that catch basins are a potential source for *Aedes aegypti* and asked if they will be treated this winter as well (we will potentially be misting them with an aerosolizer for resting adult control). Trustee Salzer asked how many other communities have CERT programs (all Alameda County cities are covered by a CERT program and as a part of our invasive *Aedes* response plan, every CERT organization has been contacted through the county's Emergency Management Association and provided with initial in-house training).

President Roache asked how many *Aedes aegypti* adults have been found (nine, in five CO₂

traps) She also asked if larvae have been found (yes, in several locations.) Trustee Bhat asked since we suspect the mosquitoes came from Fresno, do they have an active infestation (yes, since 2014). Trustee Manoharan asked if we are only looking in Pleasanton or around the borders too (*Aedes aegypti* does not fly very far, but yes, we have continued our trapping efforts throughout the county as normal.) Trustee Beatty asked how long the In2Care traps last (about 90 days.) President Roached mentioned that people loved seeing the drone at the open house for the Agriculture Department.

10. Presentation of the Manager's Report

Discussion: Trustee Manoharan asked for more details on the 2023 strategic planning session (a 1-hour posted special meeting where trustees rotated around departments in person to learn about their corresponding strategic goals). Trustee Zlatnik asked what is in the MOU (employee benefits such as medical and dental along with the salary schedule). Trustee Manoharan asked if the negotiating committee is in lieu of a mediator (the two groups negotiate with the assistance of the General Manager). Trustee Syrop stated he would like to be on the committee if he is reappointed by his city. Trustee Bhat stated how he enjoyed Chairing the committee in 2022.

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

Discussion: Trustee Manoharan attended the Special District Leadership Academy in Marin and stated that she really liked the sessions which were very informative. She also feels more comfortable in her role as a Board member. Trustee Zlatnik attended earlier this year as well and enjoyed talking to a range of other people and districts.

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

Discussion: Trustee Arkin mentioned that she is likely to lose her re-election bid so this may be her last meeting. The General Manager stated that it will be up to the city council and being an active council member is not required, if she is interested in staying on.

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

Discussion: Trustee Savage would like more information about the district response plan to public health mosquito emergencies, specifically regarding funding and reacting to different scenarios (yes, if not December then in January).

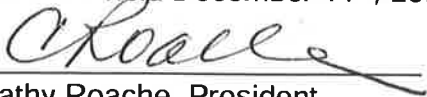
14. Adjournment at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Arkin, Secretary
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1131st meeting of the Board of
Trustees held December 11th, 2024



Cathy Roache, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES