

MINUTES

1129th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

October 9th, 2024

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: Join in person at the Office of the District
23187 Connecticut Street, Hayward, CA 94545 *or*
Join remotely via teleconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86407248266>
see below for additional details.

TRUSTEES: Cathy Roache, President, County-at-Large
Tyler Savage, Vice-President, City of Alameda: *from 2315 Lincoln Ave. Alameda, CA*
Valerie Arkin, Secretary, City of Pleasanton
Robin López, City of Albany: *from 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany, CA*
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley:
Kashef Qaadri, City of Dublin
John Bauters, City of Emeryville: *from 4260 Halleck St, Emeryville, CA*
John Zlatnik, City of Fremont
George Syrop, City of Hayward
Maya Manoharan, City of Livermore *from 1845 Marini Ln, Livermore, CA*
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
Lisa Rasler, City of Oakland
Hope Salzer, City of Piedmont: *from 76 Cambrian Ave, Piedmont, CA*
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 5:01 pm.

2. Trustees Roache, Arkin, Zlatnik, Syrop, Hentschke and Aguilar were present in person at the district. Trustees Savage, López, Bauters, Manoharan and Salzer attended remotely from the publicly posted locations above. Trustee Rasler arrived in person at 5:09. Trustees Beatty and Bhat were absent. Trustee Qaadri attended remotely under AB 2449 which required Board approval.

Motion: Trustee Arkin moved to approve remote attendance for Trustee Qaadri

Second: Trustee Hentschke

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

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 discuss the Lab Report. Vector Biologist, Sarah Lawton, was present to record the minutes. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present for technical support and for Item 6.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 1128th meeting held August 14th, 2024.

Discussion: None

Motion: Trustee Aguilar moved to approve the minutes

Second: Trustee Arkin

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries: unanimous

5. Replacement of three district-owned right-hand Jeeps with leased Enterprise Fleet Management (EFM) vehicles.
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. Quote from EFM

Discussion: President Roache confirmed that the auctioned money would go to the repair and replace reserve fund (yes.) Trustee Hentschke asked if we need a motion to sell them too (no, same motion to sell and buy.) Trustee Manorahan asked why right-hand vehicles (catch basins/drains are on the curb side – the right side.)

Motion: Trustee Syrop moved to approve replacing three right-hand Jeeps

Second: Trustee Aguilar:

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

6. Presentation by IT Director, Robert Ferdan: *Why Worry About Unmaintained Swimming Pools?*

Discussion: Trustee Sryop asked if it is required to post a picture of the notice with the pool (yes, it has language stating that on the notice.) Trustee Zlatnik asked how we recommend people to take care of their pool (fish or other treatment, draining is a bad option because that could lift out the pool's bottom.) Trustee Salzer was curious about the response rate after each notice (data shown in the slides). Followed up with asking about using a QR code rather than text or email (something to consider without adding confusion with the existing different language QR codes.) Trustee Qaadri asked if the flyover is done once, then we get compliance or do we flyover again (just once in the year as we have temperate weather, warmer districts are flying twice per year.) Trustee Savage asked how you validate if it is their pool vs someone else's that looks similar (clues such as shape etc, are checked before a letter is sent.) He followed up asking if we've looked into partnering with another agency to fly a drone over (district policies prohibit drone use to over people & homes without special exemptions plus it is a large area to cover which is better done by a fixed wing aircraft.) Trustee Zlatnik asked once a resident complies and takes care of their pool, do they have to maintain the pool moving forward or what do we (usually their pump is broken, or it leaks, or they can't afford to fix it, so fish are a long term solution. We often return to some pools yearly.)

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

Discussion: President Roache reported that they are planning to meet in mid-November, so no report today.

8. Financial Reports as of September 30th, 2024

Discussion: Trustee Qaadri asked if insurance is front-loaded (yes.) He is also wondering if there is an easy way to see year-to-date for year-to-year comparisons (yes, Michelle and I will send a draft to you prior.)

9. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report

Discussion: Prior to the General Manager presenting highlights from the Staff Report, the Lab Director, Eric Haas-Stapleton, presented the Lab Report, which included announcing the first detection of *Aedes aegypti* in Alameda County. Trustee Syrop asked about again what dangers this species pose (dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika viruses can be transmitted. Southern California is experiencing locally transmitted dengue.) Trustee Arkin asked if they are

non-native, where are they originating (originally in African jungles found in tree holes, but they are adapted to humans and our small containers.) She followed up asking if our response involves spraying (first will be door-to-door inspections to find their source for breeding. Catch basin treatments, plus aerosolizer treatments in storm drains for adults and larvae will likely be done as well.) Trustee Syrop asked if school districts will be notified and cities (yes) and to understand that most people do not understand the risk (yes, we will be sending notifications tomorrow. All staff will be in the field responding.) He followed up suggesting us to use "Peach Jar" to communicate with schools (yes, we are familiar) Trustee Arkin asked if weather cooling will help (yes, but Pleasanton is warm, even in cold regions, they can over-winter underground or indoors.) Trustee Hentschke asked if the city will be notified, and with what mechanism? He also asked if we need their help as Trustees (Judi will be managing the messaging, we have a county-wide Next-door account. If you see our notifications, you can share it with others.) Trustee Arkin asked what people can do (wear repellent and don't leave standing water. Look for bites around the ankles. Repellent can be effective) Trustee Manoharan asked what about nurseries outreach (we distribute invasive *Aedes* materials to nurseries, we also trap at each nursery.) Trustee Zlatnik asked if there any efforts to educate the public about the appearance of *Aedes aegypti* (yes, the flyers/door hangers will have information. When we take service requests, we ask questions that help us gauge if it could be invasive *Aedes*) He followed up by asking if there are any other striped mosquitoes in the county (yes, usually around late spring/early summer.) Trustee Aguilar asked if someone got dengue, it does not say that they got it here (no, it will say travel-related if it is travel-related.)

10. Presentation of the Manager's Report

Discussion: The General Manager presented highlights from the Manager's Report.

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

Discussion: Trustee Qaadri attended the CSDA conference and said it was a good conference. One highlight for him was preparing for a "1st amendment audit".

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

Discussion: Trustee Syrop mentioned the South Hayward BART public market from 12-4pm on 10/27. He is happy that Judi has connected with Hayward School District.

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

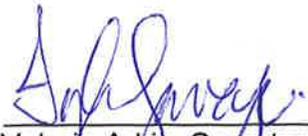
Discussion: The General Manager mentioned that the end of the year is re-appointment time for Trustees. We will also look at our strategic plan to make sure we're on pace. Would like to also clean up some policies. Will be looking at auditing our energy use to work towards more efficient energy use, so we will likely form an ad-hoc committee.

14. Adjournment at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1129th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held October 9th, 2024


Cathy Roache, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES


Valerie Arkin, Secretary
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TYLER SAVANNE
VICE PRESIDENT