

MINUTES

1072th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

September 11th, 2019

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: Office of the District, 23187 Connecticut Street, Hayward
TRUSTEES: Eric Hentschke, President, City of Newark
Wendi Poulson, Vice-President, City of Alameda
P. Robert Beatty, Secretary, City of Berkeley
Cathy Roache, County-at-Large
Alan Brown, City of Dublin
Betsy Cooley, City of Emeryville
George Young, City of Fremont
Elisa Marquez, City of Hayward
James N. Doggett, City of Livermore
Jan O. Washburn, City of Oakland
Robert Dickinson, City of Piedmont
Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton
Victor Aguilar, City of San Leandro
Subru Bhat, City of Union City

1. Board President Hentschke called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.
2. Trustees Hentschke, Poulson, Beatty, Brown, Cooley, Young, Washburn and Bhat were present. Trustees Roache, Doggett, Dickinson and Narum were absent. Trustees Marquez and Aguilar arrived at 5:08 and 5:20, respectively.
3. Board President Hentschke invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the District. Joseph Federico, Senior Analyst of PFM Asset Management LLC was present to give an update on the OPEB trust investments. Vector Biologist Jeremy Sette was present to record the minutes.
4. Approval of minutes of the 1071st meeting held August 14th, 2019.
Motion: Trustee Brown moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Poulson
Vote: motion carries: unanimous.
5. Post-Retirement Health Benefits trust account and update on the OPEB trust investments by Joseph Federico, PFM.
Discussion:
Joseph Federico of PFM gave an update on the OPEB trust investments and fielded the following discussion. President Hentschke asked for clarification on the future consideration section (the charts show estimated future market strength). Secretary Beatty commented that the future investment health seems to be mixed with a wide range of unfavorable to favorable (yes, the District is diversified). Trustee Bhat asked if Federico foresaw the Fed dropping

interest rates into the negative, as President Trump mentioned (no, it is unlikely). The General Manager commented that the OPEB fund is fully funded. Trustee Cooley asked if the 180K annual withdrawals includes fees (yes, from PFM and US Bank). Secretary Beatty asked which page explained the fees (page 2.4). The General Manager noted that the health of the OPEB fund is reported on the Balance Sheet and IRC page every month.

6. Review of quotes and awarding of contract to Adapco for the purchase of an A1 Commercial Super Duty Mist Sprayer 100-gallon with Rotary Atomizer.

Discussion:

The General Manager discussed the different bids for the equipment, the importance in larval control especially for *Aedes aegypti*, and he recommended awarding the contract to Adapco while fielding the following questions. President Hentschke asked about the significant differences in price between the different sprayers (the mosquito market for this technology is small and new, thus prices vary widely). Trustee Bhat asked if the sprayer was a supplement to fogging or a replacement (a supplement). President Hentschke asked if the active ingredient used in the sprayer was Bti (yes). Trustee Young asked how long the vapor would stay in the air and how high would it be sprayed (the mist falls quickly and is not sure about the exact height, but the Board was referred to the photo in the packet). Trustee Young also asked if the spray would be harmful to humans and if they should stay inside (Bti has been shown to be non-harmful to non-target species). Trustee Brown asked if the District would be obtaining the optional reel (yes) and asked if there was a maintenance package included with the purchase (no package but the Mechanical Specialist will handle the maintenance like other District equipment). Trustee Aguilar asked what the cost sharing would be with a neighboring district (the General Manager would look at the current value with depreciation and divide by the number of days of the year to obtain the equipment's hourly rental rate). The General Manager commended Field Supervisor Joseph Huston's effort in taking the lead in recommending the purchase.

Motion: Secretary Beatty

Second: Trustee Washburn

Vote: motion carries: unanimous.

7. Presentation of the Financial Reports as of August 31st, 2019.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Financial Reports as of August 31st, 2019.

8. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report for August 2019.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Monthly Staff Report for August 2019 and fielded the following discussion. President Hentschke asked for clarification if the *Aedes dorsalis* mosquito was an especially big mosquito (it's actually smaller than most mosquito species, but it is a particularly aggressive day-biter). Vice-President Poulson asked if the recent negatively tested West Nile virus dead birds collected in Fremont were crows (yes). Trustee Bhat asked which part of Fremont the birds were collected from (unsure, as they were reported and collected by Animal Control Services). President Hentschke asked if District staff got to choose which neighborhoods on Nextdoor to post information (yes, but this a county-wide alert). Trustee Washburn saw this post by the District through an alert he received and commented that it was well done. Trustee Cooley mentioned that she had not seen the post and asked when it was posted (August 19th). The General Manager mentioned that seasonal employee Starla House, attended a meeting with Nextdoor that led to this posting. Trustee Washburn mentioned that if you type "mosquito" in the Nextdoor app search function, you would find the post.

9. Presentation of the Manager's Report for August 2019.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Manager's Report for August 2019 and fielded the following discussion. Secretary Beatty asked if Vector Control was a part of a city or the county (Alameda County). The General Manager alerted Board Members that the Monday, September 16th Albany City Council meeting will have an item that discusses the annexation application. Trustee Washburn provided some historical background on Albany's relationship with the District through his experiences. Trustee Cooley asked if this annexation was initiated by a request from other mayors in the District (indirectly through multiple LAFCo recommendations which has two mayors serving as Commissioners). Secretary Beatty asked what might be the specific questions asked (unsure, but likely related to the \$4.24 that the District is asking Albany residents to pay for District services), and also asked Board Members who would be attending to arrive early to get a comment card (yes, for that specific item). Trustee Cooley asked if the Council will pull the item from the consent calendar (yes, as there will be speaker cards related to it). Trustee Bhat asked if the General Manager could email him the city council meeting agenda (yes). Secretary Beatty asked if the arrival of *Aedes aegypti* in Alameda County is inevitable (Trustee Washburn answered yes, although the mosquito will not most likely thrive in this climate as it does in inland climates). Trustee Washburn explained that invasive mosquitoes, including *Aedes aegypti*, were the cause of the Zika outbreak a few years ago in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

10. Board President Hentschke asked for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees. None.
11. Board President Hentschke asked for announcements from the Board. None.
12. Board President Hentschke asked trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. None.
13. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1073rd meeting of the Board of
Trustees held October 9th, 2019

Eric Hentschke, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



P. Robert Beatty, Secretary
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

