

MINUTES

1111th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

March 8th, 2023

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: In person at the Office of the District
23187 Connecticut Street, Hayward, CA 94545 or
Joined remotely via teleconference.
see below for additional details.
TRUSTEES: Victor Aguilar, President, City of San Leandro
Cathy Roache, Vice-President, County-at-Large
Shawn Kumagai, Secretary, City of Dublin
Tyler Savage, City of Alameda: *from 2315 Lincoln Ave, Alameda, CA*
Robin López, City of Albany: *from 435 Gooding Way #456 Albany, CA*
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley
Courtney Welch, City of Emeryville: *from 6301 Shellmound St, Emeryville CA*
George Young, City of Fremont
Elisa Márquez, City of Hayward
Steven Cox, City of Livermore
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
Jan O. Washburn, City of Oakland
Hope Salzer, City of Piedmont: *from 76 Cambrian Ave, Piedmont, CA*
Valerie Arkin, City of Pleasanton: *from 3740 Newton Way, Pleasanton, CA*
Subru Bhat, City of Union City

1. Board Vice-President Roache called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.
2. Trustees Roache, Beatty, Young, Márquez, Cox, Hentschke, Washburn and Bhat were present in-person at the district. Trustees Savage, Welch, Salzer, and Arkin attended remotely from the publicly posted locations noted above. President Aguilar along with Trustees Kumagai and López were absent.
3. Board Vice-President Roache invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the District. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present for technical support. Financial & HR Specialist, Michelle Robles, was present for item #5. Vector Biologist Sarah Lawton attended remotely to record the minutes. No public comments were submitted.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1110th meeting held February 8th, 2023.
Motion: Trustee Washburn moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Arkin
Vote: Motion carries: unanimous.
5. Proposal to change credit card providers from US Bank Cal-Card to Umpqua Card Services
Discussion:

The General Manager and Finance & HR Specialist gave the staff report before turning over the recommendation to the Finance Committee, reported by Chair Márquez. Trustee Savage asked how the county and other commissions process these types of expense requests (as the district is not part of the county, it is free to use whatever service the Board chooses and Umpqua is a business affiliate of CSDA, recommended by many special districts.) Vice-President Roache asked if there are the same safeguards as WEX cards if using for fleet services? (Yes) Trustee Cox asked if checks and balances will be in place with Umpqua adding that more efficiencies can often reduce safeguards (yes, Umpqua will be more efficient *and* effective). Trustee Arkin asked what the net dollar difference with fees and rebate (if we put more on the credit card than we have previously, which we will with more accountability, the cash-back will be more than we previously collected).

Motion: Trustee Beatty moved to approve the change

Second: Trustee Washburn

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous.

6. Resolution 1111-1 nominating a Trustee as candidate to the regular special district seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission

Discussion:

After some background by the General Manager, Trustee Bhat offered that he is interested in being a candidate to the LAFCO Board. Trustee Beatty nominated Subru Bhat. Trustee Arkin asked if you are qualified sitting on two legislative bodies (one can represent a special district or city on LAFCO, but not both—thus, all elected council members/ Trustees are not qualified on the LAFCO Board) Trustee Bhat mentioned that he would be ineligible as a public member as he is a Trustee of a special district.

Motion: Trustee Beatty moved to approve Trustee Bhat as the nominee

Second: Trustee Márquez

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous.

7. Appointment of a nominating committee to identify a candidate for an upcoming vacant district Board Secretary position

Discussion:

The General Manager explained that the City of Dublin replaced the Trustee last night and that replacement will be attending in April, but the Board must nominate a new Secretary by first forming a nominating committee. Trustee Márquez requested to clarify her starting date (after confirming, her start date was in March of 2015.) Trustee Beatty volunteered to be on the nominating committee which Trustee Márquez also joined. Trustee Cox asked if this was just to nominate the person to be considered Secretary (Yes.) Vice-President Roache asked if there is a number of Trustees needed for the nominating committee (more than one Trustee is fine.)

Motion: Trustee Salzer moved to approve the nominating committee

Second: Trustee Bhat

Vote: Motion carries: unanimous.

8. Financial Reports as of February 28th, 2023

Discussion: none

9. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report

Discussion:

The General Manager summarized the staff report. Trustee Cox asked how this rain will affect mosquito production (staff is actively controlling sources in this unique situation.) Trustee

Washburn added that tree-hole mosquitoes will be very prevalent this year with many tree-holes being filled later in the season. Trustee Savage asked if there will be any more community outreach with all the rain? (Yes, especially with many more events being back in-person this year.) Trustee Salzer asked how treatments work exactly/ what is meant by that term, is it the same as using pesticides (treating mosquitoes is a catch-all term for physical, biological, or chemical (insecticide) mosquito control.) Trustee Washburn added that the most common "treatment" is an organic bacterium, *Bacillus thuringensis israelisis*. Trustee Salzer added that she was approached by the Piedmont Post regarding her role on the mosquito abatement Board and how she passed the article along to the General Manager before it was published. Trustee Salzer also added that outreach may add simple messages in newspapers discussing what to do in your own yard. (yes, good idea) Trustee Bhat added that many do not know that mosquito abatement exists, and they are often pleasantly surprised that they are paying for it already.

10. Presentation of the Manager's Report

Discussion:

Trustee Washburn asked when the General Manager plans to present before the Oakland City Council (he was waiting until some internal Oakland issues resolve themselves before requesting a meeting, the same for Alameda County).

11. Board Vice-President Roache asks for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees:

Discussion:

The General Manager summarized the Annual Meeting for AMCA and ACMAD's contributions.

12. Board Vice-President Roache asks for brief announcements from members of the Board:

Discussion:

Trustee Washburn will be hosting an aquatic insect and newt display at the Berkeley Botanical Garden on Sunday, March 12th from 11 am-3pm, depending on the weather.

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

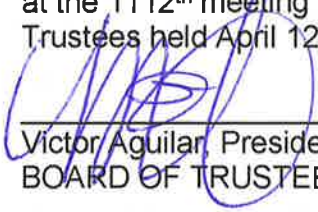
Discussion:

The General Manager expects to have a discussion on the budget, so would like to have a brief Finance Committee meeting before the next Board meeting and reminded Trustees that the same Brown Act rules will exist for meetings moving forward. Trustee Beatty asked if you could have any reason for not attending in person (as long as you do not mind listing a publicly available address.) Vice-President Roache added that a quorum counts even if you are online (yes, as long as you are in the county.) Trustee Washburn asked if it does not have to be an emergency to attend remotely (only if you don't want to post your address and make the location publicly available.).

14. Adjournment at 6:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1112th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held April 12th, 2023



Victor Aguilar, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Secretary
BOARD OF TRUSTEES