

## MINUTES

### 1073<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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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 5:08 P.M.
2. Trustees Hentschke, Poulson, Beatty, Roache, Brown, Cooley, Young, Marquez, Doggett, Washburn, Narum, Aguilar and Bhat were present. Trustee Dickinson was absent.
3. Board President Hentschke invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the District. Vector Biologist Jeremy Sette was present to record the minutes.
4. Approval of minutes of the 1072<sup>nd</sup> meeting held September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
**Motion:** Trustee Beatty moved to approve the minutes  
**Second:** Trustee Aguilar  
**Vote:** motion carries: unanimous.
5. An update on the District's LAFCo annexation of Albany.  
**Discussion:**  
The General Manager gave an update on the District's LAFCo annexation of Albany and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Washburn corrected the statements made by Alameda County Vector Control Services employee Bob Gay at the Albany City Council meeting where he stated that he retired from the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District. Trustee Washburn asked for confirmation that Mr. Gay did not retire voluntarily, rather, the Board of Trustees rejected his contract renewal (yes, in July of 2014 by a vote of 8-11-1 according to their minutes). Trustee Washburn further noted that the current District Manager of San Mateo and former District Manager of ACMAD, Chindi Peavy, was one of the whistleblowers on the financial mismanagement that may have led to the nonrenewal of Mr.

Gay's contract. Trustee Washburn also disputed that statement by Mr. Gay that if this annexation was driven by financial pressures, then why has the Benefit Assessment remained the same for eleven years and is half of what the District was approved for by the public? The General Manager confirmed that the benefit assessment was approved for \$5.00 per parcel in 2008 but the Board of Trustees has only used \$2.50 per parcel since. Also, this amount has Cost of Living Adjustments included, so the original \$5.00 approval is currently over \$7.00 per parcel. The General Manager is proud of the District's focus on efficiencies and cost controls rather than increasing revenues. Trustee Beatty remarked on the chaotic nature of the September Albany City Council meeting. The General Manager discussed the most recent LAFCo Resolution from 2018 where LAFCo again recommended the City of Albany to encourage ACMAD to annex mosquito control services in Albany, after doing the same to ACMAD and Vector Control in their 2013 resolutions. Trustee Marquez asked for clarification that the District is merely following up on, not one, but multiple LAFCo recommendations for annexation (yes). Trustee Washburn discussed the last time he as Board President, and the former District Manager Peavey, attempted unsuccessfully to resolve this with the City of Albany and Vector Control in 2015. Trustee Marquez pointed out that two Supervisors, Haggerty and Miley, recommended this action as LAFCo commissioners as recently at 2018. The General Manager mentioned that the City of Albany's City Council has no records of discussing the 2018 City of Albany LAFCo Municipal Service Review in their minutes which recommended them to encourage ACMAD to annex their mosquito services. Trustee Marquez asked if there had been any follow-up with the City of Albany regarding these omissions in their staff report (ACMAD's Regulatory and Public Affairs Director, Erika Castillo, and President Hentschke provided additional information with city staff and the Mayor). The General Manager commented that even if the District annexed Albany, Vector Control would lose neither funding nor employees. Trustee Cooley asked about the ballot process & timing (if >25% of registered voters or property owners oppose the annexation, the annexation goes to ballot; if >50% oppose the annexation, it fails). Trustee Roache asked if Vector Control could send an email blast to Albany residents (Trustee Narum answered that yes, it is possible, but it would have to be verified by LAFCo staff and not violate the CA Political Reform Act). Trustee Marquez asked what the ballot language states (this is not completed but will be similar to the annexation application language). Trustee Bhat mentioned the Berkeley resident who spoke at September Albany City Council meeting proclaiming that he was overwhelmingly supportive of the District annexing Albany, that he was pleased with the District's services, and that the residents of Albany would greatly benefit from services from the District at that price. The General Manager also added that this speaker suggested that Albany would benefit from both ACMAD and Vector Control's services, a sentiment that he agrees with. Trustee Beatty asked for clarification on the process going forward with LAFCo (the LAFCo hearing occurs on November 14<sup>th</sup>, and if approved, it would be followed by a 60-day period to tabulate any protests or oppositions). Trustee Cooley cautioned against attacking public figures and their agencies and was glad to hear that ACMAD took the high road, on the advice of Trustee Marquez. Trustee Narum commented that she planned to reach out to the LAFCo commissioners.

6. Presentation of the Financial Reports as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Discussion:**

The General Manager presented the Financial Reports as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and fielded the following discussion. President Hentschke asked for confirmation why the District chooses to post their financial records online voluntarily and asked why Vector Control does not as they are also a special district with the same requirements (cannot speak for other government agencies, but ACMAD values transparency and accountability).

7. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report for September 2019.

**Discussion:**

The General Manager presented the Monthly Staff Report for September 2019.

8. Presentation of the Manager's Report for September 2019.

**Discussion:**

The General Manager presented the Manager's Report for September 2019 and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Bhat commented on his attendance of the CSDA meeting with the General Manager. Trustee Narum asked if the CSDA could be held in the Tri-Valley (not likely as there are no facilities large enough to house around 1,000 attendees and the exhibitors). Trustee Narum also clarified that she had completed her training and that the General Manager should reach out to her city clerk for more details.

9. Board President Hentschke asked for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees. Trustee Bhat further commented on his pleasant experience at the CSDA conference and part of the conference that was noteworthy for him was the talk on General Manager performance evaluations and how it can be used as an opportunity for Boards to evaluate not only the General Manager, but the District's performance as a whole using its strategic plan and policies as guides.

10. Board President Hentschke asked for announcements from the Board. None.

11. Board President Hentschke asked trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. The General Manager noted that he will be reaching out to Board Members whose terms will be expiring at the end of the year. Trustee Marquez asked if the terms were two or four years (both, but historically he only requests a 2-year term from the City Councils unless requested otherwise, as Trustees cannot be removed by their cities or by the Board of Trustees).

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Approved as written and/or corrected  
at the 1074<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of  
Trustees held November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

  
Eric Hentschke, President  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



P. Robert Beatty, Secretary  
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