

MINUTES

1113th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

May 10th, 2023

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/83799532529>
TRUSTEES: Victor Aguilar, President, City of San Leandro
Cathy Roache, Vice-President, County-at-Large
Steve Cox, Secretary, City of Livermore
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
Kashef Qaadri, City of Dublin
Courtney Welch, City of Emeryville: from 6301 Shellmound St, Emeryville, CA
George Young, City of Fremont
City of Hayward, vacant
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 President Aguilar called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. Trustees Aguilar, Roache, Beatty, Qaadri, Young, Hentschke, and Bhat were present in-person at the district. Trustees Savage, López, Welch, Salzer, and Arkin attended remotely from the publicly posted locations noted above. Trustees Cox and Washburn were absent.
3. President Aguilar invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Melanie Guillory-Lee was present for Item 6. Trustee Qaadri's son Ilyas was present as a guest. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present for technical support. Vector Biologist, Sarah Lawton, was present to record the minutes. No public comments were submitted.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1112th meeting held April 12th, 2023.
Motion: Trustee Arkin moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Qaadri
Vote: motion carries: unanimous.
5. Approval of the final budget for the fiscal year 2023-24
Discussion: Trustee Qaadri asked if inflation and cost-of-living increases were considered with current economic situation (yes). Trustee Qaadri followed up asking if the same consideration

was taken for salaries? (Yes, this budget covers the in second year of a three-year employee contract).

Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve the budget

Second: Trustee Beatty

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

6. Presentation of the preliminary Engineers Report for fiscal year 2023-24 by Melanie Guillory-Lee from SCI Consulting Group.

Discussion: Melanie Guillory-Lee presented report. No questions from the Board.

7. Resolution 1113-1 intending to continue assessments for fiscal year 2023-24, preliminarily approving the engineer's report, and providing for notice of hearing.

Discussion: None.

Motion: Trustee Beatty moved to approve the resolution.

Second: Trustee Salzer

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

8. Proposal to switch change transfer bank from Bank of the West to Five Star Bank

Discussion: After the General Manager explained the reasons for proposing to switch banks, the Finance Committee weighed in on their discussion from their last meeting specifically Trustee Bhat who added that this change will save money and not lose anything, and Trustee Roache who added that there were no negatives, perhaps only that there is not a local branch, but a branch is not really needed anyway. Trustee Qaadri asked if there are administration costs (no). Trustee Arkin asked if the district reached out to Bank of the West to ask if they would match the alternate bank's proposal. No, as The General Manager did not expect them to change based on prior conversations.

Motion: Trustee Beatty moves to accept proposal

Second: Trustee Arkin

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

9. Financial Reports as of April 30th, 2023.

Discussion: The General Manager summarized the Financial Reports.

Discussion: Trustee Bhat asked about WEX Bank (fleet services to purchase fuel and GPS).

Trustee Qaadri asked about Voya Institutional Trust Company (the deferred compensation program for a grandfathered-in employee). Trustee Savage asked the General Manager to explain why the budgets for Community Education and Operations were so much lower than budgeted at this point in the year (expenses in these categories are higher in summer with advertising and treatments).

Trustee Salzer asked if helicopters can be replaced by drones (helicopters are rarely used, and drones (UAS) are an effective alternative where allowed).

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10. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report.

Discussion: Trustee Arkin asked how people can tell the difference between swarms of midges and crane flies vs mosquitoes? The General Manager described that the other insects of

concern do not bite, and that we educate using photos or descriptions, especially people new to the area. Trustee Arkin asked if there are notices given to the owner of unmaintained swimming pools by the county or city. The General Manager explained the district has evolved our program and we now mail notices that are generated with county parcel data and images of unmaintained swimming pools typically after Memorial Day. Trustee Hentschke added to the midge discussion mentioning that the ACMAD website (mosquitoes.org) has information and pictures of mosquito-like insects. Trustee Salzer said she was going to ask if there is a better way to triage the midge phone calls, perhaps on the website, but once she realized it is already on the website, she added that perhaps the midge information can be in a more prominent place on the website. The General Manager liked the idea and added that we can look into adding a banner during high-midge season.

11. Presentation of the Manager's Report.

Discussion: None

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

Discussion: None

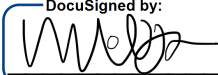
13. Board President asks trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

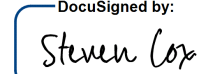
Discussion: No items from the Board, but the General Manager will not be in-person at the next meeting as he will be in Florida at their state special district conference. Eric Haas-Stapleton and Erika Castillo will be giving a presentation regarding invasive *Aedes aegypti*.

14. Adjournment at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1114th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held June 14th, 2023

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