

MINUTES

1117th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

September 13th, 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/84318587859>
TRUSTEES: Victor Aguilar, President, City of San Leandro
Cathy Roache, Vice-President, County-at-Large
City of Livermore, vacant
Tyler Savage, City of Alameda: *from 2315 Lincoln Ave, Alameda, CA*
Robin López, City of Albany: *from 1000 San Pablo Ave, Albany, CA*
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley: *from 2052 McGee Ave, Berkeley, CA*
Kashef Qaadri, City of Dublin: *from 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin CA*
Courtney Welch, City of Emeryville: *from 6301 Shellmound St, Emeryville, CA*
George Young, City of Fremont: *from 35679 Dee Pl, Fremont, CA*
George Syrop, City of Hayward
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 5:01 pm.
2. Trustees Aguilar, Roache, Qaadri, Hentschke, and Bhat were present in-person at the district. Trustees Savage, Beatty, Salzer, and Arkin attended remotely from the publicly posted locations noted above. Trustees Syrop and Washburn attended remotely under the AB 2449 exemption. Trustees López, and Welch were absent. Trustee Young logged remotely from the publicly posted location at 5:54 pm.
3. President Aguilar invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Mechanical Specialist, Mark Wieland, was present for item 5. Vector Biologist, Sarah Lawton, was present to record the minutes. Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, was present remotely for technical support.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1116th meeting held August 9th, 2023.

Discussion: None

Motion: Trustee Roache moved to approve the minutes

Second: Trustee Qaadri

Vote: motion carries: Trustee Savage abstains

5. Approve replacement of truck V35, a 2008 Ford Ranger, with a 2023 EV Ford F-150 Lightning PRO, by Mechanical Specialist, Mark Wieland.

Discussion: Trustee Bhat asked why we chose Ford instead of another make? (Ford is the only company that has a utility-focused Electric Vehicle (EV). Other options, like Rivian or Tesla, are more luxury and not utility focused.) Trustee Qaadri asked when this EV would be available? (We expect 3-4 months). Trustee Qaadri also asked about the concern that batteries could start fires? (We will remain alert to any recalls or safety warnings.) Trustee Roache says her fleet has a couple EVs and they are working well. Trustee Bhat says his son has an EV Ford Mustang, and it is good so far. (Eventually we feel there will be more EV utility options.) Trustee Arkin is glad to see the purchase of an EV, she also asked what is the battery range? (240-270 miles per charge for the baseline battery pack. Upgraded battery pack is \$10,000 for an extra 100-mile range.) Trustee Savage wants to know the status of the Ranger, is there anything wrong with it? (It is a 2008 model with about 100,000 miles and in decent condition. The last few Rangers we sold; we received over \$10,000 each. The General Manager mentioned usual capital replacement for vehicles is after 12 years, and we are past that. Mark pointed out that he does not replace items solely bases on age or miles, for example, the public outreach van is a 2003 model.) Trustee Salzer asked if the district investigated any grants for purchasing an EV? She also feels that purchasing an EV is a really important and positive step for a public agency. (We will look into grant opportunities.) President Aguilar asked if there are any tax incentives for purchasing an EV. (We looked into general incentives but did not find any. However, they are removing dealer price mark-ups). Trustee Hentschke asked if they will be able to charge with our current chargers? (Yes.) Why was 240-volt battery highlighted in the packet? (It was unintentionally part of the bid, which was deleted from the quote because the item was not needed.) Trustee Roache asked if we only have the two chargers? (We have 4.) She also asked if we are worried about the new truck being parked closer to the street and added that while we will have a higher electric bill, it is a good thing we have solar panels. (We have an updated alarm system which notifies the intruder and ACMAD staff immediately.) Trustee Salzer added that maintenance costs are also cheaper with EVs compared to combustion vehicles.

Motion: Trustee Arkin moved to approve the replacement

Second: Trustee Salzer

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

6. Appointment of a nominating committee to identify a candidate for the vacant district Board Secretary position.

Discussion: The General Manager explained that Trustee Cox had to step down because his employer meetings were on the same day/time as ACMAD Board meetings. President Aguilar pointed out that Trustee Welch is next on the list based on seniority, which has been the common practice. President Aguilar asked for nominees. Trustee Beatty asked if this decision could wait until January, or do we need to decide now? He also pointed out that if we go off of seniority, that person only has a couple years of experience on the Board and would then be Vice-President the following year. (We do not need to go off seniority, we can nominate anyone. Regardless, the General Manager helps the incoming Trustee learn what needs to be done.) President Aguilar, Trustee Hentschke, and Trustee Qaadri volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

Motion: Trustee Roache moved to approve the committee members

Second: Trustee Bhat

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

7. Appointment of an ad-hoc strategic planning committee
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. ACMAD 2021-2023 Strategic Plan
 - c. ACMAD 2018-2021 Strategic Plan

Discussion: Trustee Bhat added that an extra benefit of participating in the strategic planning is that Trustees can contribute to the district's overall goals. President Aguilar asked what the years are for this strategic plan? (2024-2026) Trustee Washburn asked Trustee Beatty if they both participated on the committee last time. Trustee Beatty said yes. Trustee Washburn and Trustee Beatty volunteered to be on the committee. Trustee Washburn also added that this is a great way to interact with district staff. Trustee Arkin asked how many meetings are typical for this committee. Trustee Washburn and Beatty both said it is about 3-4 meetings, which could be done remotely, except for the in-person meeting/holiday dinner in December. Trustee Arkin volunteered to be on the committee. Trustee Salzer volunteered to be on the committee. Trustee Syrop had expressed interest in the past but feels he does not need to be on the committee if Trustee Salzer is on it. Trustee Bhat volunteered to be on the committee.

Motion: Trustee Qaadri moved to appoint Trustees: Washburn, Beatty, Arkin, Salzer, and Bhat to the committee

Second: Trustee Hentschke

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

8. Financial Reports as of July 31st, 2023:
 - a. Check Register
 - b. Income Statement
 - c. Investment, reserves, and cash report
 - d. Balance Sheet

Discussion: Trustee Qaadri asked about liabilities and capital section. (The General Manager explained some of the items but will have to report back after speaking with Michelle Robles.)

9. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report.

Discussion: Trustee Bhat asked where the dead birds are picked up from? (Residents call to report the dead birds and we pick them up to test them.) Trustee Salzer asked about the three different *Culex* species, is one spreading it more than others? (We are most concerned with *Cx. pipiens*, "House Mosquito," because they bite humans more than other species. *Cx. tarsalis* "Encephalitis Mosquito," are a concern, but prefer to bite birds to humans. However, if abundance is high enough and positive with WNV, we would adult control for *Cx. tarsalis* as well.) She also asked are the *Cx. tarsalis* primarily spreading it through the birds? (Cannot confirm which species are transmitting WNV to birds. Birds fly, so they can spread the virus easily.) President Aguilar asked if the "atmospheric rivers" are affecting the virus this year? (Trustee Washburn mentioned that his local birds have had 3 rounds of offspring this year instead of the usual 1. Trustee Roache mentioned that the fruit fly numbers are up this year as well. The General Manager pointed out that the mosquito abundance this year is also high.) Trustee Roache pointed out that the Agriculture Commissioner's office attended the recent adult control treatment to ensure everything is done properly so that they can in-turn ensure the public if needed.) Trustee Savage asked about the response to the possible human-WNV case, was it the same as if it was not a travel-related case? (Yes, we aired on the side of caution, especially with WNV activity in Alameda. We had already been heavily treating in the area, and had thought of doing adult control, but with so many recent larval treatments and trap results, we decided it would not be warranted.) Trustee Hentschke asked who receives the public

notices that we send out (anyone can sign up to receive our notifications, but we add key stakeholders such as health departments, other mosquito districts, park districts, newspapers, beekeepers, etc.)

10. Presentation of the Manager's Report

- a. Staff Anniversaries
- b. CDPH Weekly Arbovirus Surveillance Bulletin, WNV update
- c. CSDA Capital Tour of ACMAD: September 27th @ 9:00 am
- d. Training due: AB 1825: Aguilar, Young

11. Board President asks for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees.
Discussion: Trustee Qaadri attended CSDA meeting and presented a few highlights: They presented good insights on public engagement, discussed DEI initiatives and ways to improve, as well as the best ways to run a meeting. Trustee Salzer asked if Trustee Qaadri could elaborate about public engagement from the CSDA meeting. Trustee Qaadri did not have his notes but mentioned: the benefits of connecting early and often. If an agency is out in community, you already have trust built from face-to-face interactions. Ex: cemetery had a Dia de los Muertos event to bring people in, in a more positive way.

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

Discussion: Trustee Arkin mentioned the League of Cities conference next week, which President Aguilar and Trustee Qaadri will also be attending. Trustee Arkin also mentioned that she was just hired by Supervisor Miley's Pleasanton office.

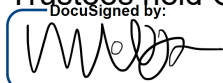
13. Board President asks Trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Discussion: The General Manager asked if Trustees know that they cannot attend a meeting, to please notify us as soon as possible. While we are following Brown Act Open Meeting laws, it is preferred to attend more meetings in person.

14. Adjournment at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1118th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held October 11th, 2023

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