

MINUTES

1122nd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

February 14th, 2024

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/86094737471>
TRUSTEES: Cathy Roache, President, County-at-Large
Tyler Savage, Vice-President, City of Alameda
Valerie Arkin, Secretary, City of Pleasanton
Robin López, City of Albany
P. Robert Beatty, City of Berkeley: *from 2052 McGee Ave., Berkeley, CA*
Kashef Qaadri, City of Dublin
City of Emeryville, vacant
John Zlatnik, City of Fremont
George Syrop, City of Hayward
City of Livermore, vacant
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
City of Oakland, vacant
Hope Salzer, City of Piedmont: *from 76 Cambrian Ave, Piedmont, CA*
Victor Aguilar, City of San Leandro: *from 4021 Monterey Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578*
Subru Bhat, City of Union City

1. Board President Roache called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. Trustees Roache, Savage, Zlatnik, Syrop, Hentschke, and Bhat were present in-person at the district. Trustee Salzer, Aguilar, Beatty attended remotely from the publicly posted location above. Trustee López was absent. Trustees Qaadri and Arkin attended remotely under AB 2449 and stated their absences were due to medical reasons.
Discussion: President Roache asked the board to consider an emergency exemption to allow Trustees Qaadri and Arkin to attend remotely under AB 2449.
Motion: Trustee Syrop moved to allow remote attendance for Trustees Arkin and Qaadri.
Second: Trustee Bhat
Vote: motion carries: unanimous
3. President Roache invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the district. Lab Director Eric Haas-Stapleton attended remotely along with Information & Technology Director, Robert Ferdan, who attended remotely for technical support.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1121st meeting held January 10th, 2023.
Discussion: None
Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve the minutes

Second: Trustee Qaadri

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

5. Presentation of the President's Award Plaque to Immediate Past President Victor Aguilar by President Cathy Roache (Information only).

6. Resolution 1122-1 to change the name of the Mosquito Laboratory to the Dr. Jan O. Washburn Memorial Mosquito Laboratory

Discussion: The General Manager and Trustee Bhat expressed their deep sadness at the loss of Dr. Washburn who left such a profound professional, and personal, impact on the district. Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton added that Dr. Washburn was a close friend and colleague for over 28 years. President Roache passed around a sympathy card for Trustees which remote Trustees Qaadri & Arkin asked to be included on. Trustee Zlatnik commented that he was moved by seeing the personal side of many of his board colleagues.

Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve Resolution 1122-1

Second: Trustee Beatty

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

7. Appointment of an ad-hoc trustee recruitment committee to fill the vacant board positions.

Discussion: After Trustees Arkin and Zlatnik volunteered to form the committee, Trustee Syrop also offered to help where needed. Trustee Bhat offered that an email to the City Manager of Livermore led to action.

Motion: Trustee Bhat moves to appoint Trustees Arkin and Zlatnik as members to the ad-hoc trustee recruitment committee.

Second: Trustee Arkin

Vote: motion carries: unanimous

8. Verbal report from the ad-hoc policy review committee

Discussion: The General Manager updated the Board that the policies were just returned from an HR consultant and will be sent to the policy committee by the end of the week for their review.

9. Discussion on fleet management options

Discussion: After the General Manager opened up the topic for discussion, Trustee Qaadri asked for a cost-benefit analysis on the ratio of money down to financed (will be included in future presentation). Trustee Salzer asked for an analysis on the size of the fleet and the length of holding the vehicles (will also be included in future presentations). President Roache commented that while she supports electric vehicles, the fleet market is not there. Trustee Syrop added that he hopes staff avoids "greenwashing"—meaning, vehicles should be chosen for effectiveness before other considerations. Trustee Bhat asked if there were competitors to Enterprise Fleet Management (yes, but Enterprise Fleet Management is the most leading firm in this realm for local governments and especially with mosquito control districts. Several Trustees recommend this topic be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

10. Financial Reports as of January 31st, 2024

Discussion: Trustee Qaadri asked if he could see year-to-year cost comparisons (to be included in the budget presentation next month).

11. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report

Discussion: After the General Manager and Dr. Eric Haas Stapleton summarized the staff reports, Trustee Salzer asked if the Service Request chart can be stacked bars rather than a line graph (yes), if staff can reach out to new homeowners when they purchase a house (yes, Trustee Qaadri offered to make the connection to the Bay Area Association of Realtors). Trustee Salzer asked Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton if the nitrogen from fertilizer encourages mosquito growth (possibly, as the data suggests), does plant decay with the additional microbes contribute to mosquito growth (yes, in this pilot study), did you see microbes of bacteria and/or fungus (this study only looked at bacteria), and if the data suggests that crows are becoming immune to West Nile virus, what will that mean for the spread of the disease (unknown at this point but perhaps less amplification of the virus). Trustee Savage asked if follow-up WNV trapping does not catch any further WNV-positive mosquitoes or dead bird reporting, is that the fault of poor trapping or birds migrating (possibly both). Trustee Syrop asked if ACMAD collects demographic data on our service requesters (no, that would have to be done via survey), and if the District has considered using texts to report dead birds or request service (answered by Robert Ferdan: the dead bird hotline is monitored by CDPH and they do not accept text requests, our text requests are limited to unmaintained swimming pools at this time). Trustee Zlatnik asked if we could promote dead bird reports to school-age children (we do teach children basic mosquito education that they can apply to their own communities).

12. Presentation of the Manager's Report

Discussion: President Roache and Trustee Beatty would like to attend the ACSDA annual dinner.

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

Discussion: President Roache and Trustee Qaadri provided highlights from the annual MVCAC conference which was also attended by Trustee Bhat. Trustee Zlatnik provided a recap of his experience at the Special District Leadership Academy.

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

Discussion: Trustee Hentschke promoted an upcoming event for the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. Trustee Syrop requested an update on the District's involvement with HASPA at a future meeting (negotiations are ongoing, a report will be forthcoming).

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

Discussion: President Roache will be forming the ad-hoc manager evaluation committee prior to the March board meeting to discuss compensation adjustments for the General Manager.

16. Adjournment at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1123rd meeting of the Board of
Trustees held March 13th, 2024



Cathy Roache, President
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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