

**MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**of Santa Barbara County**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES**  
**May 14, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County was held at 2:00 PM, on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Hope School District Library, 3970 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA.

1. ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

David Pritchett, Board President  
Larry Fausett, Vice-President  
Ron Hurd, Board Secretary  
Cathy Schlottmann – until 4:00PM  
Charles Blair  
John Olson  
Susan Swarbrick

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

**NONE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Passaro, General Manager  
Kenneth Learned, Vector Biologist  
Chris Pankau, member of public

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

*After brief discussion, Board President Pritchett announced that Old Business Items 7A and C will be discussed after New Business, as one trustee needed to leave the meeting early.*

3. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS regarding District business.

*General Manager Passaro announced that Dr. Chris Pankau has still not been reappointed to the Board due to a typographic error in his previous term ending date. The matter has been rectified and is projected to be resolved at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting*  
*General Manager Passaro discussed his tour of local water resources.*  
*General Manager Passaro also announced that he is interviewing for a position on the Health Services Commission on May 29, 2009.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

**NONE**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

**NONE**

6. ITEMS OF GENERAL CONSENT. The following items are approved by a single action of the Board. Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and approved in a separate action.

- A. Approval of Minutes for District's regular meeting held April 9, 2009.
- B. Financial Statements for County Fund 4160 for April 2009.
- C. Warrant Register for April 2009.
- D. Disease Surveillance Report for April 2009.
- E. District Operations Report for April 2009.

*Following a few questions and clarifications, it was moved by Trustee Schlottmann, seconded by Trustee Hurd, and passed unanimously to approve the Items of General Consent.*

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion and Approval of Modified Logo Design.** Discussion regarding the modifications made to the winning college logo submission. Approval of changes and adoption of logo or direction for continued changes. *After some discussion, it was moved by Trustee Blair, seconded by Trustee Swarbrick, and passed unanimously to accept the logo with the current modifications plus the additional modification to the color of the MVMD lettering and the addition of the word "of" to "Santa Barbara County."*
- B. **Discussion and/or Approval of Policy and Procedures Manual.** Manual contains all changes as recommended by Board of Trustees and recommendations from District Counsel. *After discussion of section 4.12 (unpaid leave), it was moved by Trustee Schlottmann, seconded by Trustee Olson, and passed unanimously that the District will pay an employees health care insurance premium for up to 30 days past the beginning of an unpaid leave status. The Board also agreed by general consensus to follow District Counsel's recommendation to engage in mediation rather than arbitration for employee/management disputes. It was then moved by Trustee Schlottmann, seconded by Trustee Blair, and passed unanimously to adopt the Policy and Procedures Manual with the above amendments.*
- C. **Discussion of Proposal by the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District.** The Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District has requested that an ad hoc committee be formed comprised of two trustees from each district. *Trustees Hurd and Olson volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Approval to Transfer an Amount Necessary to Maintain YTD Accumulated Depreciation in Fund 4161 – Asset Reserves.** The auditors recommended maintaining an asset reserve fund in an amount equal to the District's total accumulated depreciation. Currently Fund 4161 contains \$282,356.36; total accumulated depreciation to date is \$339,932 which accounts for a difference of \$57,575.64. *After some discussion, it was moved by Trustee Schlottmann, seconded by Trustee Fausett, and passed unanimously to follow the general manager's recommendation to transfer*

*57,575.64 from Fund 4160 to Fund 4161 for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.*

- B. **Discussion of Draft FY 2009-10 Budget.** Budget has been reviewed by budget committee, discussion regarding direction on specific line items (additional staff, travel expenses, long range planning, etc.). *After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Trustee Pritchett, seconded by Trustee Fausett, and passed unanimously to set the benefit assessment at \$7.99 for both Zone 1 and Zone 2, to have the engineer's report reworked, and to have a Special Meeting on May 20, 2009 at 4:00PM to pass the reworked budget.*
- C. **Approval of Resolution 2009-01.** Approval to declare intent to levy assessments, approve the engineer's report, and provide notice of public hearing for FY 2009-10 Zone 1 benefit assessment. *This item is deferred until the May 20, 2009 Special Meeting.*
- D. **Approval of Resolution 2009-02.** Approval to declare intent to levy assessments, approve the engineer's report, and provide notice of public hearing for FY 2009-10 Zone 2 benefit assessment. *This item is deferred until the May 20, 2009 Special Meeting.*
- E. **Approval of Resolution 2009-03.** Approval to provide an accumulated sick leave for service credit exchange option for staff in the Santa Barbara County Retirement System. *After some discussion, it was moved by Trustee Olson, seconded by Trustee Fausett, and passed unanimously to provide an accumulated sick leave for service credit exchange option for staff in the Santa Barbara County Retirement System.*
- F. **Discussion of NPDES Permit Status and the Progress of the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals Cotton Industry Decision.** Summary of the case progress and the measures taken by the District to comply with this ruling. *Information item. General Manager Passaro explained the many complexities and possible scenarios presented by the court ruling along with potential consequences and possible measures the District can take.*
- G. **Discussion of Operational Strategies in Relation to the Wildfire Burn Areas.** Discussion and direction From Board on operational focus, workload management, and additional costs associated with mosquito breeding in the Tea Fire and Jesusita Fire areas. *General Manager Passaro explained to the Board all of the problems associated with stagnant swimming pools, etc. in the fire areas. Trustee Olson suggested keeping careful track of time spent in the burn areas and inquiring about obtaining Emergency Funds from federal or state agencies, possibly through other local agencies.*
- H. **Discussion and/or approval for Trustee Blair to attend the Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association (SBSDA) Chapter Meeting in Solvang on May 18, 2009.** The purpose of the SBSDA is to advocate constructive means for the improvement and functioning of independent special districts within the County of Santa Barbara, and to assist such independent special districts and their governing bodies. Trustee Blair would like to attend as a representative of the MVM District and estimates his expenses to less that \$65. *It was moved by Trustee Olson, seconded by Trustee Hurd, and passed unanimously to approve Trustee Blair's attendance at the*

*SBSDA's May 18, 2009 meeting as a representative of the MVM District.*

9. MANAGER'S REPORT.

*General Manager Passaro briefly discussed the following:*

- the District's Ford F350 truck has not sold yet. The truck is on a 90 day consignment to Mission City Truck Sales, who will attempt to sell it.*
- District staff is attempting to arrange placement of a sentinel chicken flock at the City of Solvang Wastewater Treatment Plant.*
- District staff is now offered benefits from AFLAC at no extra cost to the District. Five of the 6 staff members signed up with AFLAC.*
- the District will look into offering staff a Deferred Compensation Plan to replace the one lost when the County of Santa Barbara Auditor-Controller stopped providing payroll services.*
- the general manager recommends going through with the actuarial study for providing post retirement health care benefits. It may be more cost effective to stay with CalPERS.*

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS.

*Trustee Blair reported on the Southern California Vector Control Environmental Task Force meeting which he along with Vector Biologist Learned attended.*

11. CLOSED SESSION – None

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions of the Board:

BY:

APPROVED:

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David Pritchett  
Board President

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Ron Hurd  
Board Secretary