

Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District

Board of Trustees
595 Helman Lane
Cotati, CA 94931

Meeting Held via Videoconference
August 9, 2023

SPECIAL & REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Members present:

Benediktsson, Cathy
Bloom, Gail
Davis, Tamara
Deicke, Art
Gallian, Laurie
Harlem, Pamela
Harvey, Susan
Hootkins, Susan
Kubota, Evan

Marquiss, Alison
Nichols, Vicki *Arrived @ 6:10 pm*
Pigoni, Carol
Rich, Diana
Rowland Jr., Herb
Schulze, Ed
Witt, David
Zavala, Aarón
Snyder, Richard

Members absent:

Ackerman, Bruce
McCaffery, Shaun
Patton, Morgan

Open seats: Ross, San Anselmo and one Sonoma County at Large

Others present:

Philip Smith, District Manager
Erik Hawk, Assistant Manager
Liz Garcia, Administrative Services Manager
Carolyn Borr, Administrative Clerk
Dawn Williams, Administrative Technician (Confidential)
Janet Coleson, General Counsel

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE

Trustee Alison Marquiss from the Town of Corte Madera introduced herself. She explained that her career has been in Biotechnology. Her interest in the District was piqued after one of the Vector Control Technicians visited her home to fulfill a service request.

5. PUBLIC TIME

No public comment.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. CHANGES TO AGENDA/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

B. Resolution 2023/24-03: Authorizing Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of the District Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)

C. MINUTES – Minutes for Board Meeting held on July 12, 2023.

D. JULY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was M/S Trustee Davis/Trustee Schulze to accept the Consent Calendar with the following:

Under Item 10, Open Time for Board or Staff Comments:

*Trustee Hootkins mentioned a recent and informative ~~article~~ **insert** about the District in the Petaluma Argus Courier.*

Motion passed with a roll call vote:

***Ayes:** Trustee Benediktsson, Trustee Bloom, Trustee Davis, Trustee Deicke, Trustee Gallian, Trustee Harlem, Trustee Harvey, Trustee Hootkins, Trustee Kubota, Alison Marquiss, Trustee Pigoni, Trustee Rich, Trustee Rowland, Trustee Schulze, Trustee Witt, Trustee Zavala and Trustee Snyder*

***No:** (none)*

***Abstain:** Trustee Nichols*

***Absent:** Trustee Ackerman, Trustee McCaffery and Trustee Patton*

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Monthly Billing and Treatment Operations Cost Control Billing Sheet for FY 2023-24.

It was M/S Trustee Pigoni/Trustee Schulze to approve the Monthly Billing and Treatment Operations Cost Control Billing Sheet for FY 2023-24.

Motion passed with a roll call vote:

***Ayes:** Trustee Benediktsson, Trustee Bloom, Trustee Davis, Trustee Deicke, Trustee Gallian, Trustee Harlem, Trustee Harvey, Trustee Hootkins, Trustee Kubota, Alison Marquiss,*

Trustee Nichols, Trustee Pigoni, Trustee Rich, Trustee Rowland, Trustee Schulze, Trustee Witt, Trustee Zavala and Trustee Snyder

No: (none)

Abstain: (none)

Absent: Trustee Ackerman, Trustee McCaffery and Trustee Patton

B. Appointments of Trustees to Board Committees

President Snyder announced new appointments to several committees: Trustee Bloom and Trustee Kubota were added to the MOU Committee, and Trustee Nichols was appointed to the Environment, Climate Crisis, and Sustainability Committee. Appointments to the newly created, “District Manager Recruitment Committee” comprised Trustee Pigoni as Chair, Trustee Rich, Trustee Ackerman, Trustee Davis, Trustee Harlem, Trustee Witt, and Trustee Hootkins. Trustee McCaffrey and Trustee Gallian serve as alternate members of this committee.

8. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

President Snyder briefly summarized the items discussed at the Committee’s meeting held on August 7th, 2023.

B. Legislative Committee

Trustee Davis informed the Board that the Legislature was in its summer recess (from July 14th through August 14th, 2023). Since there seems to be little or no opposition to AB557 (Open Meeting Law), it should pass once the Legislature is back in session. Trustee Davis also mentioned that AB740, dealing with drone cybersecurity, has been removed from committee discussions and converted to a two-year bill that will be addressed next year.

9. MANAGER’S REPORTS

Manager Smith provided a few updates to his written report. He noted that an American Crow in Petaluma had recently tested positive for West Nile virus. After the cyber-attack earlier this year, the District engaged two companies (DeepSeas and Carbon Black) to conduct real-time monitoring of our computer systems for cyber threats. This precaution paid off recently when DeepSeas alerted staff that one of the District’s desktop computers showed early signs of malware being covertly installed by an unknown party. Because this intrusion could compromise the entire network, the computer was immediately removed and quarantined.

Assistant Manager Hawk provided an overview of floating solar (photovoltaic) arrays and the problems they can present for effective mosquito surveillance and control. Two municipalities in Sonoma County currently have solar arrays installed in their wastewater ponds. These present challenges to staff’s mosquito surveillance and control work due to the floating device the solar panel sits on, which greatly limits our access. A further issue is the floating walkways that tend to provide insufficient width, stability, and buoyancy. The City of Petaluma is planning to install a large

floating solar array in a wastewater recycling pond at the Ellis Creek Wastewater Recycling Facility. District staff are providing consulting services to the City on the vector control aspects of the proposed design. *(The Manager’s reports were included in the August board packet).*

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communications.

11. OPEN TIME FOR BOARD OR STAFF COMMENTS

Trustee Gallian noted that she recently saw an interview with District staff on Channel 2 News. She also acknowledged staff for their diligence in eradicating yellowjacket nests, especially given the marked increase in yellowjacket activity.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was M/S Trustee /Trustee to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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Philip D. Smith
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District Representative
MSMVCD

9/21/2023

Date of Approval

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Diana Kiehl
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Trustee
MSMVCD Board of Trustees

9/19/2023

Date of Approval