

**MINUTES OF THE 738th BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

TIME: 3:00pm, Thursday, January 21, 2021

PLACE: Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District
1966 Compton Avenue
Corona, CA 92881

Zoom Teleconference Only: Meeting ID: 838 0116 9762

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Karen Alexander	Corona	President
	Jordan Ehrenkranz	Canyon Lake	Vice President
	Gary Bradley, Ph.D.	Riverside	Secretary
	Leslie Altamirano	Jurupa Valley	Trustee
	Ted Hoffman	Norco	Trustee
	Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	Trustee
	George Read	County of Riverside	Trustee
	Brian Tisdale	Lake Elsinore	Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:	Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D.	District Manager
	Angela Caranci, Ph.D.	Assistant Manager/Vector Ecologist
	Nikia Smith	Field Supervisor
	Eric Ballejos	Public Information & Tech. Officer
	Marian Shannon	Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

II. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Bradley.

III. A. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

At the time of the roll call all Trustees except Trustee Tisdale were present via Zoom Teleconference. Trustee Tisdale joined the meeting at 3:08pm during Item III.B. All District Staff attended via Zoom. Incoming Trustee, Leslie Altamirano introduced herself and stated she was honored to serve on the Board.

B. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

District Manager stated the recommended the slate of officers for 2021 is:

Jordan Ehrenkranz	President
Gary Bradley, Ph.D.	Vice President
George Read	Secretary

Motion by Lorimore to approve the above recommended slate of officers for 2021; seconded by Hoffman. Passed unanimously by a roll call vote as follows: yes by Alexander, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Hoffman, Lorimore, and Read. Absent: Tisdale.

District Manager displayed the plaque which will be presented to outgoing President Alexander when in person meetings resume. District Manager thanked Trustee Alexander and expressed appreciation for her service to the District.

Trustee Tisdale joined the meeting at 3:08pm.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Lorimore to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Bradley. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale.

VI. PRESENTATION:

None.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

None.

VIII. REPORTS:

1. Trustees:

Trustee Bradley asked if the PFA's referred to in the Informational article provided for Trustees have been found in pesticide containers used by the District. District Manager stated the PFA's were found in pesticides that use oil as a base. The District uses pesticides which use water as a base. Trustee Lorimore followed up to ask if water agencies have reported the toxin in their tables. District Manager asked Assistant Manager if she was aware of any reports of the toxins by water agencies. She stated she was unaware of any such reports. Trustee Hoffman commented that over the last several years water agencies are finding more toxins because the testing methods are much more advanced than in previous years.

Trustee Read inquired on the status of the District drone program. Field Supervisor stated that due to the increase in *Aedes aegypti* service calls during the season, the drone program has not been implemented yet. District Manager stated he has been reaching out to other Districts regarding the functionality of the drone program. Trustee Alexander stated an evaluation of how the drone program could have been used. Trustee Hoffman stated there is a very good article by the League of California Cities regarding drones in neighborhoods.

2. District Manager:

A. Update on COVID-19 and District Operations. District Manager stated that Trustee Alexander asked for an update on COVID-19 as it pertained to the District. Northwest MVCD COVID-19 Prevention Program was attached for Board's information.

District Manager stated the District has taken COVID-19 prevention recommendations seriously. District staff have been educated on prevention methods. They are regularly updated and reminded, when appropriate, via text message, emails, and signage at the District. Examples include: wear masks, wash hands regularly and practice social distancing. Staff schedules have also been staggered to reduce the number of personnel in the District facility at the same time, and some staff are working remotely. District Manager was pleased to report that although there have been three staff members who were present at the District location who were positive or were exposed to

COVID-19, no known workplace transmission has occurred. District Manager stated he supports the vaccine and is encouraging staff to get vaccinated.

Trustee Alexander thanked District Manager for the update. Trustee Lorimore stated that providing incentives, such as a gift card drawing, may incentivize staff to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Trustee Hoffman reported the unfortunate news that a City of Norco employee recently passed away from the virus. Trustee Tisdale stated essential employees are able to go to any vaccine clinic to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The website is updated on Tuesday's for weekend vaccine appointments and on Thursday's for appointments for the following week.

B. Update on District facility: Roof repair estimate was attached for Board's information. District Manager stated there are several projects/repairs which will need to be addressed at the District facility over the next several years.

An estimate to repair the roof of the shop area was attached. District Manager stated the roof has significant leaks which will be repaired, and while the total cost is under the amount required for Board approval, District Manager wants Board to be aware. Trustee Ehrenkranz asked if the roof area being repaired was the old building area and District Manager confirmed that it was.

District Manger stated the water feature is also in the process of being repaired and he hopes it will be operational by April.

C. Update on Transition to FieldSeeker Data Management System. District Manager stated the software and hardware have been purchased and the Districts historical data has been transferred. The roll out is expected on February 1st. Public Information and Technology Officer stated the roll out is on track. He also stated that by opting to purchase iPhones and iPads for field operations staff versus the originally planned specialty tablets, the savings to the District was substantial. Field Supervisor commented the new software will be more accurate for non-pesticide abatement methods. Assistant Manager stated that lab trap surveillance data can also be integrated to the new program.

3. Staff: none

IX. INFORMATIONAL:

1. Toxic "forever chemicals" found in pesticide used on millions of Mass. Acres when spraying for mosquitoes. Article attached.

2. Per- and Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Pesticide Packaging.
US EPA formal response to Boston Globe article attached.

Trustee Tisdale exited the meeting at 3:41pm.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Request for future Agenda Items: None

District Manager invited all Trustees to the AMCA 87th Annual Conference. The meeting will be virtual this year and registration fees significantly reduced. Hence, the budget will allow for more Trustees and staff to attend. He stated the meeting is March 2-5, 2021 and that the AMCA draft Agenda will be sent to Trustees. Trustees were advised to inform Executive Secretary if interested in attending.

District Manager asked if the new Trustees would be interested in a District tour and overview of District services. Trustee Altamirano stated she is interested. District Manager stated the Trustees will be contacted to arrange a time and format for the meeting/tour.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm.

Next regular meeting: 3:00pm, Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 1966 Compton Avenue, Corona, CA 92881.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the action taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on January 21, 2021.



Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on February 18, 2021.

ATTEST:



Jordan Ehrenkranz, President



George Read, Secretary