

**MINUTES OF THE 741<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**TIME:** 3:00pm, Thursday, April 15, 2021

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

Zoom Teleconference Only: Meeting ID: 389 155 8737

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** None

<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	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 Ehrenkranz called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**II. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Alexander.

**III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

At the time of the roll call Trustees Ehrenkranz, Bradley, Read, Alexander, Hoffman, Tisdale, District Manager and Executive Secretary were present in the District Board room. Trustee's Altamirano and Lorimore and Assistant District Manager, Field Supervisor and Public Information and Technology Officer (PITO) were present via Zoom Teleconference.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:**

None.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion by Tisdale to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Read. 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:**

**A. Recommendation to receive and file Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities prepared by Total Compensation Systems, Inc. (TCS) to comply with GASB 74/75.**

District Manager stated the most recent Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities prepared by Total Compensation Systems, Inc. with a roll-forward measurement date of June 30, 2020 is attached for Board's review and recommended the Board receive and file the report.

Motion by Bradley to receive and file the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities prepared by Total Compensation Systems, Inc. with a roll-forward measurement date of June 30, 2020; seconded by Alexander. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale.

**B. Recommendation to update signatories to the District's accounts at Citizens Business Bank.**

District Manager stated that due to the appointment of new Board members, it is necessary to update the authorized signers to the District's accounts at Citizens Business Bank. After approval, authorized signers will be Trustee's Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale. In addition, District Manager, Mark Breidenbaugh, Assistant District Manager, Angela Caranci, and Field Supervisor, Nikia Smith will be authorized signers. Trustee Hoffman explained he declined to be a signatory to the District's accounts because he has been a victim of identity theft in the past.

Motion by Bradley to update authorized signers to the Districts accounts at Citizens Business Bank as follows: Trustee's Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Lorimore, Read and Tisdale, as well as District Manager, Mark Breidenbaugh, Assistant District Manager, Angela Caranci and Field Supervisor, Nikia Smith; seconded by Alexander. Passed by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale. Trustee Hoffman abstained.

**VIII. REPORTS:**

1. Trustees:

Trustee Hoffman inquired if mosquito activity has increased due to the warmer weather. District Manager stated the activity is similar to last year. He said the District will remain diligent in mosquito control efforts. He also added that due to the lack of seasonal help, full time technicians will be given the option to earn comp time to address mosquito calls if necessary.

Trustee Ehrenkranz stated the midges are terrible in Canyon Lake this year. Field Supervisor stated she understands the nuisance caused by midges but that the cost of treating the lake for midges is not feasible. District Manager added that controlling midges is difficult because nonbiting midges develop in the lake substrate (mud) and high levels of pesticides are needed to impede larval development. District Manager suggested a meeting with the Homeowners Association to begin a conversation regarding the midge issues at Canyon Lake. He stated there are several methods which can be discussed such as agitation, non-chemical controls and cleaning efforts. Assistant District Manager stated light traps are set and that activity is being monitored. She also stated the traps are moved on a monthly basis. Trustee Tisdale asked if trap locations can be shared so that Trustees

are aware where trapping is occurring. Assistant District Manager stated she will look into providing trap locations in her monthly reports but stated resident privacy must be considered.

2. District Manager:

District Manager stated that repairs to the water feature at the District facility have been completed and thanked District employees Tim Shellow and Dennis Rowe for their assistance.

District Manager stated the District is following the COVID-19 Prevention Plan provided by VCJPA and is awaiting updated guidance from the state before amending the COVID-19 prevention procedures at the District. He stated that although employees are not required to report their vaccine status, approximately 80% of Northwest staff have voluntarily reported they have been vaccinated.

District Manager stated that as a team building effort, District staff were asked to nominate a tree for planting in the District orchard. Staff made nominations and voted and the winner was a peach tree. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, as a part of an Arbor Day celebration, a tree will be planted. Staff will also participate in a District yard clean up and will enjoy pizza and ice cream for completing 180-days accident-free at the workplace.

District Manager informed Board members he and the PITO had coordinated meetings with California State government officials in the coming weeks to support MVCAC Legislative Day meetings.

3. Staff:

Assistant District Manager stated she is excited to report that the proficiency panels for the PCR testing were submitted to the state and she is happy to report the panels passed. This means the mosquito testing will be done in-house this season.

Field Supervisor stated a few seasonal employees were brought on board this month. She also commented it has been difficult to find seasonal help once again this year.

Public Information and Technology Officer stated he and Assistant District Manager participated in the Riverside Insect Fair. The fair was held virtually and had a few glitches but was an overall success. District Manager thanked Public Information and Technology Officer and Assistant District Manager for giving a presentation at the insect fair.

Public Information and Technology Officer also stated that next week is Mosquito Awareness Week. Trustee Tisdale asked if the District has any informational items which can be shared with residents regarding mosquito prevention and awareness. Public Information and Technology Officer stated he will provide information which Trustees can share with community residents.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL:**

1. Another Study Confirms Mosquitoes, Midges Don't Transmit Coronavirus. Article attached.
2. Prevent Tick Bites. Prevent Disease. CDPH Vector-Borne Disease Section Brochure attached. Assistant District Manager stated the tick information was provided due to the discussion about ticks at the last Board meeting. Trustee Alexander thanked Assistant District Manager for the information.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Request for future Agenda Items: Trustee Tisdale requested an update on the District's Drone Program be added as a future agenda item.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

Next regular meeting: 3:00pm, Thursday, May 20, 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 April 15, 2021.



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Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on May 20, 2021.

**ATTEST:**



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Jordan Ehrenkranz, President



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George Read, Secretary