MINUTES OF THE 743rd BOARD MEETING **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

TIME:

3:00pm, Thursday, June 17, 2021

PLACE:

Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District

1966 Compton Avenue Corona, CA 92881

Zoom Teleconference: Meeting ID: 389 155 8737

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Gary Bradley, Ph.D.

Riverside

Vice President

George Read Karen Alexander Leslie Altamirano Ted Hoffman

Corona Jurupa Valley Norco

County of Riverside

Secretary Trustee Trustee Trustee

Clint Lorimore Brian Tisdale Dale Welty

Lake Elsinore Canyon Lake

Eastvale

Trustee Trustee

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 Balleios

Public Information & Tech. Officer

Marian Shannon

Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Susan Barnes, SCI Consulting Group

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Bradley called the meeting to order at 3:01pm and stated he is happy to see District staff present in the Board room.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Lorimore.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

At the time of the roll call Trustees Bradley, Read, Alexander, Hoffman, Tisdale, Welty and all District staff were present in the District Board room. Trustee's Altamirano and Lorimore and Ms. Susan Barnes of SCI Consulting Group were present via Zoom Teleconference.

Mr. Dale Welty, newly appointed Trustee for the City of Canyon Lake introduced himself. He was welcomed by Board and staff.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VI. PRESENTATION:

None.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. Public Hearing to approve Engineer's Report for providing vector control services to Corona annexation (Zone B) and Lake Elsinore (Zone C) and ordering levy of assessment and service charge by adopting Resolution Nos. 574 and 575.

President Bradley opened the public hearing regarding Resolution No. 574 at 3:05pm and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none the public hearing was closed at 3:05pm. President Bradley opened the public hearing regarding Resolution No 575 at 3:06 and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 3:06pm. District Manager stated the District expects to receive \$432,053.27 from Zones B and C and recommended the board approve and adopt Resolutions No. 574 and 575 and approve Exhibit "A", the Engineer's Report prepared by SCI Consulting Group. The District

does not receive ad valorem from these areas so we levy assessment in Zone B and service charge in Zone C. Assessment in Zone B and service charge in Zone C remain at the same rate as the previous year. The assessment in Zone A has been rescinded until further need. No assessment is collected from Zone A. For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 single family residence benefit units remain at \$10.61, which is the same as Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by Tisdale to approve the Engineer's Report as depicted in Exhibit "A", and approve Resolution No. 574 to levy assessment in Zone "B"; seconded by Read. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, Tisdale and Welty.

Motion by Tisdale to approve the Engineer's Report as depicted in Exhibit "A", and approve Resolution No. 575 to levy service charge in Zone "C"; seconded by Alexander. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, Tisdale and Welty.

B. Public Hearing to approve Engineer's Report for providing vector control services to the City of Canyon Lake and ordering levy of assessment by adopting Resolution No 576.

President Bradley opened the public hearing at 3:07pm and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none the public hearing was closed at 3:07pm. The District expects to receive \$45,071.00 from this assessment and District Manager recommended the Board approve Exhibit "B", the Engineer's Report prepared by SCI Consulting Group and approve and adopt Resolution No. 575. The single family resident benefit unit increased to \$9.99, up from \$9.77 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by Tisdale to approve the Engineer's Report as depicted in Exhibit "B", and approve Resolution No. 576 to levy assessment in the City of Canyon Lake; seconded by Alexander. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, Tisdale and Welty.

C. Public Hearing to approve Engineer's Report for providing vector control services to the City of Riverside and ordering levy of assessment by adopting Resolution No 577.

President Bradley opened the public hearing at 3:08pm and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none the public hearing was closed at 3:08pm. The District expects to receive \$608,044.00 from this assessment. District Manager recommended the Board approve Exhibit "C", the Engineer's Report prepared by SCI Consulting

Group and approve and adopt Resolution No. 577. The single family resident benefit unit increased to \$11.36, up from \$11.11 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by Hoffman to approve the Engineer's Report as depicted in Exhibit "C", and approve Resolution No. 577 to levy assessment in the City of Riverside; seconded by Tisdale. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, Tisdale and Welty.

At the conclusion of Action Item C, Ms. Susan Barnes disconnected from the Zoom Teleconference.

D. Recommendation to approve General Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and to adopt Resolution No. 578.

District Manager stated the General Budget has been prepared for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and is attached as Exhibit "D" for Board's review. District Manager stated the Finance Committee, which consists of Trustee's Bradley and Tisdale, along with District Manager, Assistant District Manager and Executive Secretary met and reviewed the budget in detail on June 9th, prior to the regular Board meeting. District Manager stated the Action Item write up provided detailed information pertaining to this year's budget and asked if the Board members had an opportunity to review it prior to the meeting. District Manager pointed out a few of the budget categories which were increased and provided additional explanation for the reasoning for the requested increases. For example, an increase to the category which includes employee salaries and benefits s was proposed, this anticipates the expected need to retain seasonal staff for longer periods to combat the evolving mosquito challenges within the District, mostly related to the invasive Aedes. The Meetings and Continuing Education budget was also increased. District Manager is interested in providing more training to District staff and Trustees in order to stay abreast of the emerging vector control technologies and other modernizations in mosquito control. District Manager stated the Memberships category was increased to support the District as an AMCA sustaining member and also participate in the AMCA Research Fund. Additionally, funds were added to the Construction category to support necessary repairs and upgrades to the District facility. District Manager also pointed out the Appropriation for Contingencies, Accumulated Capital Outlay and the General Reserve were increased for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion by Tisdale to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and to adopt Resolution No. 578; seconded by Read. Passed by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read and Tisdale. Trustee Welty abstained.

E. Closed Session.

The Board may hold closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss salary and benefits of employees.

Board and District Manager entered closed session at 3:17pm and were in closed session until 3:49pm.

Upon resuming open session, motion by Alexander to grant a four (4) percent salary increase to all regular and seasonal employees, excluding District Manager, with an effective date of June 20, 2021 which coincides with the first payroll for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; seconded by Read. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, Tisdale and Welty.

VIII. REPORTS:

A. Trustees:

President Bradley presented a plaque to outgoing President Alexander and thanked her for her service to the Board as President in 2020. Trustee Alexander thanked the Board and stated she is most proud of hiring Dr. Breidenbaugh to fill the role as District Manager during her tenure.

B. District Manager:

District Manager provided a reminder to everyone that the Celebration of Life for Mr. Jordan Ehrenkranz, is Saturday, June 19th at the Canyon Lake Lodge.

District Manager stated that Mosquito Awareness Week is June 20-26, 2021 and showed a video clip of the "Pass the Repellant" campaign being promoted by the American Mosquito Control Association. District staff from many mosquito control agencies, including Northwest MVCD, were featured in the video to promote mosquito awareness.

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None.

IX. INFORMATIONAL:

- A. 2021-2022 Meeting calendar was attached for Board's review. If any Board member is interested in attending any of the meetings, please inform Executive Secretary.
- B. Man Caught Three Whole Diseases from a Single Tick Bite. Article attached. Trustee Hoffman commented there are a lot of ticks in the riverbed. Assistant District Manager stated if he will provide the areas of increased activity, the lab will trap and sample ticks in the areas of heightened activity. Trustee Alexander asked if traps can be set in the Skyline trail area of Corona and inquired about the area with the highest tick activity. Assistant District Manager stated the Terramor neighborhood, south of Corona, is experiencing increased activity.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Request for future Agenda items: Trustee Tisdale requested the newly enacted Federal Holiday, Juneteenth (June 19th) be added to the July agenda for discussion as a potential addition to the District holiday calendar.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Next regular meeting: 3:00pm, Thursday, July 15, 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 June 17, 2021.

Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on July 15, 2021.

ATTEST:

Gary Bradley, Ph.D., President

Brian Tisdale, Secretary