

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 856th REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MONTEREY COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
August 8, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District was held on August 8, 2023, at the District Office in Salinas, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Cecilio, Chair, County of Monterey
Nancy Amadeo, Secretary, City of Marina
Jim Tashiro, City of Salinas
Diane de Lorimier, City of Monterey
Louise Goetzelt, City of Del Rey Oaks
Jason Campbell, City of Seaside
Ray Coopersmith, County of Monterey
Mary Ann Carbone, City of Sand City

STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Klemme, District Manager
Mona Sloan, Administrative Assistant
Paul Palomo, Operations Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Cranford, Vice Chair, County of Monterey

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Jeff Cecilio called the 856th Regular Meeting to order at 11:58 AM

2. ROLL CALL:

Administrative Assistant Mona Sloan called roll; it was determined that a quorum was present

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 2023
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: July 2023 \$209,218.43
- C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: July 2023 \$175,138.20
- D. UMPQUA BANK: June 2023 \$1,708.58
- E. TIME DISTRIBUTION: July 2023
- F. BALANCE SHEET: July 2023
- G. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: July 2023

With no further inquiries, **Trustee Carbone moved to approve the consent calendar as presented, Trustee Amadeo seconded; *the motion was passed unanimously.***

5. BUSINESS ITEMS:

**A. Resolution No. 2324-01
Of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District
Board of Trustees to Cease Providing Health Benefits
to Future Board Members**

Discussion was held regarding the increasing cost of Health insurance and the burden it will eventually put on the District.

After consideration, **Trustee Goetzelt moved to approve Resolution No. 2324-01 as presented, Trustee Amadeo seconded; with the exception of (1) one “no” vote from Trustee Campbell, *the motion was passed successfully.***

B. Approval of Comcast Media Campaign

Manager Klemme presented the Comcast television advertising campaign to the Board for approval and confirmed there would be advertising in Spanish. He let the Board know that advertising could be adjusted to meet our needs.

Trustee Tashiro made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Trustee Goetzelt seconded; *the motion passed unanimously.*

6. MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: Paul Palomo, Operations Supervisor

Paul Palomo briefed the Board on District activities for the month of July. Palomo informed Trustees that staff saw a slight drop in service call requests as opposed June and half of what we had in May. There were 22 service requests with 15 calls regarding mosquito activity, 6 calls for mosquito fish and 1 dead bird call. Three videos were produced for the District’s Social Media account and mosquito techs have been doing a great job in their zones.

7. **MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: Ken Klemme, District Manager/Biologist**

Manager Klemme addressed the Board and informed them that he has been placed on the Monterey County “Long Term Recovery Task Force.” The committee is being assembled to generate ideas of how to prepare for emergencies in the future from different perspectives. Klemme was happy to get a seat at the table, which led into a conversation about the failing tide gates in Moss Landing and the work involved to keep up with rising waters. Trustee Carbone said that she believes there is money available to install new flood gates at the Elkhorn Slough and that she would speak to Supervisor Askew. Lastly, Klemme informed the Board that he and staff members Maschmeyer and Palomo were going to Houston, TX to tour the drone factory where we are purchasing new drones and to obtain some training.

8. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

NONE

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further inquiries, Board Chair Cecilio adjourned the meeting at 12:27 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2023 at noon.

Jeff Cecilio, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Nancy Amadeo, Secretary