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AGENDA

754TH MEETING

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORANGE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
THURSDAY
3:00 P.M.**

**13001 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92843-2102**

The mission of the Orange County Vector Control District is to provide the citizens of Orange County with the highest level of protection from vectors and vector-borne diseases.

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754th Meeting, September 24, 2009
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.

ITEMS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

⇒ None

REGULAR MEETING – 3:00 P.M.:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Roll Call
 3. Introduction of Visitors
 4. Public Participation
 5. Announcement of Late Communications
 6. Committee Reports: None
 7. District Manager Information Items
 8. Consent Calendar – Items for Approval by General Consent
 - 8A - Authorize Travel to Attend the MVCAC Fall Quarterly Meeting in South Lake Tahoe
 - 8B - Report of District Activities
 9. Approval of Minutes
 10. Accept and Approve Monthly Financial Report; and Receive and File Warrant Register
 - 10A - Monthly Financial Report
 - 10B - Warrant Register
 11. County “White Paper” Update
 12. Privatization Study
 13. Pilot Program for Rat Control Services
 14. Written Communications
 15. Comments from the Board of Trustees
 16. Other Business
 17. Adjournment
- (Meeting Calendar follows agenda.)

AGENDA

AGENDA: This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the following Agenda.

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BOARD ACTIONS: The Board may not legally take action on any item presented at this time other than to direct staff to investigate a complaint or place an item on a future agenda unless (1) by a majority vote, the Board determines that an emergency situation exists, as defined by Government Code Section 54956.5, or (2) by a two-thirds vote, the Board determines that the need for action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted as required by Government Code Section 54954.2(b).

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** To be lead by Trustee Jones (Alternate: Trustee Rosen).

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Cypress	Sandra Montez, President		
San Clemente	Joe Anderson, Vice-President		
Brea	Roy Moore, Secretary		
Aliso Viejo	Phillip B. Tsunoda	La Palma	Larry A. Herman
Anaheim	Lucille Kring	Los Alamitos	Ken C. Parker
Buena Park	Jim Dow	Mission Viejo	Gail Reavis
Costa Mesa	Wendy Leece	Newport Beach	Dr. Virginia L. Barrett
Dana Point	Steven H. Weinberg	Orange	Denis Bilodeau
Fountain Valley	Cheryl Brothers	Placentia	Greg Sowards
Fullerton	Dr. F. Richard Jones	Rancho Santa Margarita	Gary Thompson
Garden Grove	Mark Rosen	San Juan Capistrano	Laura Freese
Huntington Beach	Joe Carchio	Santa Ana	Fred S. Bella
Irvine	Rosemary Dugard	Seal Beach	Michael Levitt
Laguna Beach	Toni Iseman	Stanton	Al Ethans
Laguna Hills	Melody Carruth	Tustin	Al Murray
Laguna Niguel	Robert Ming	Villa Park	James Rheins
Laguna Woods	Dr. Robert Bouer	Westminster	Frank Fry, Jr.
La Habra	James Gomez	Yorba Linda	Jim Winder
Lake Forest	Jean D. Jambon	County of Orange	John M. W. Moorlach

3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** At this time, members of the public may address the Board of Trustees regarding **agenda items or items of interest** that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. Generally, the Board will not enter into a dialogue during this period.

Speakers should have a “Speaker Card” completed and presented to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of the Board meeting.

Comments shall be limited to **three minutes per person**, unless different time limits are set by the President, subject to the approval of the Board.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

7. DISTRICT MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS:

*****CONSENT CALENDAR*****

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR – Items for Approval by General Consent:** All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Trustee requests separate action on a specific item.

8A - **Authorize Travel to Attend the MVCAC Fall Quarterly Meeting in South Lake Tahoe:** The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held October 28 - 30, 2009. The estimated total travel expenses for staff to attend the conference is \$2,000, which is included in the 2009-10 budget.

Recommended Action: It is the District Manager’s recommendation that the Board of Trustees authorize travel for Director of Communications Hearst; Public Outreach Coordinator Pett; and Assistant Biologist Saba to attend the MVCAC Fall Quarterly Meeting, at the Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe on October 28 - October 30, 2009.

[Staff Contact: G. Goedhart. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 151]

8B - **Report of District Activities:** Enclosed with the Agenda is the Report of District Activities as submitted by staff to the Board of Trustees by separate report dated September 11, 2009.

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

[Staff Contact: V. Blaylock. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 112]

*****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR*****

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approve without reading the Minutes of the 753rd Meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 20, 2009, enclosed as a separate item with the agenda.

[Staff Contact: V. Blaylock. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 112]

10. **ACCEPT AND APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT; AND RECEIVE AND FILE WARRANT REGISTER:** Kelly Price, Director of Administrative Services, will present the financial report and warrant register, and address any questions the Board may have regarding these reports.

10A - **Monthly Financial Report:**

Recommended Action: Accept for inclusion as Exhibit I, the Orange County Vector Control District Monthly Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2009.

10B - **Warrant Register:**

Recommended Action: Receive and file payment of Warrant Register (Exhibit II) dated September 24, 2009, in the amount of \$458,859.63 as presented by In-House Check Runs dated August 3, 4, 6, 12, 19, and 27, 2009. (The financial information is enclosed as a separate item with the agenda packet.)

[Staff Contact: K. Price. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 137]

11. **COUNTY “WHITE PAPER” UPDATE:** On February 3, 2009, County staff was directed to prepare a “White Paper” concerning the possible merger of vector control services into the County. County staff has prepared a draft paper dated July 15, 2009. The draft has not been finalized as of September 16.

District staff has been presented the draft “White Paper” and has prepared a response to it. Although a final paper has yet to be issued, it should be noted that the draft paper’s main recommendation was the continuance of Orange County Vector Control District as an independent special district and being responsible for the provision of vector control services in the County. The draft “White Paper” included two other staff recommendations: 1) a reduction of the size of the Board of Trustees; and 2) the ending of the Trustee stipend of \$100 to a documented expense reimbursement. All recommendations are from County staff and it is not clear if they will remain in the final “White Paper.” Trustees may want to comment on these last two recommendations before the report is finalized.

Recommended Action: Board action as deemed appropriate.

[Staff Contact: G. Goedhart. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 115]

12. **PRIVATIZATION STUDY:** At the direction of the Board of Trustees, staff has analyzed the District's current service delivery model to determine if there are opportunities to incorporate additional private contracts into the model. Staff has completed a detailed examination of each department and its services, reviewed available information concerning privatization in the public sector, and conducted surveys of local governmental agencies and private companies. Based on this information, the analysis shows:

- *The District's service delivery model has a high level of public satisfaction.*
- *The District's operating costs have been reduced by 19% since 2004 when adjusted for inflation.*
- *The District currently utilizes a variety of contract services in support of its mission.*
- *The District's costs are generally lower than private industry costs to provide vector control services to the public and support services to the District.*

In conclusion, staff does not recommend any changes in the District's current service delivery model. Staff will continue to seek opportunities to save the taxpayers money while maintaining a highly effective quality public health service.

The Privatization Study is included as a separate report with the agenda packet.

Recommended Action: It is the District Manager recommendation that the Board of Trustees authorize the following:

- 1) Receive and file Privatization Study.
- 2) Support the continuation of the District's current service delivery model.
- 3) Direct staff to continue to seek cost saving alternatives without impacting the effectiveness of the current service delivery model.

[Staff Contact: G. Goedhart. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 115]

13. **PILOT PROGRAM FOR RAT CONTROL SERVICES:** As part of the privatization study, the option of utilizing a different service delivery model by the District is not recommended for cost and operational reasons. However, since several member agencies have expressed support for a service delivery model utilizing either private pest control or hourly employees, a pilot program has been developed by staff for consideration by the Board.

The premise of the pilot program is simple. Members not satisfied with the District's service model will be allowed to provide rat control services to their residents provided that a set of procedures are followed. This will allow members to set up alternative service delivery models that may be more effective and efficient than the District's current model.

It should be noted that the California Health and Safety Code Section 116125 – 116170 (Exhibit A) does not mandate that rat control services be provided to the public. It is the responsibility of homeowners to address rat related problems on their properties, and it is the responsibility of the County and cities to address public health issues related to rats. The District has been the agency to provide rat control services to County residents since 1975.

Staff believes that each member agency should have the ability to determine the method and manner of rat control services for its residents. The pilot program should accommodate those member agencies wanting a change in service model without impacting those member agencies that wish to remain with the District's service.

The pilot program is proposed to begin on October 1, 2009. In the first year the number of agencies opting out of the District's rat control program will be limited to three in order to minimize impacts on the District's existing labor force. Additional agencies can be allowed to opt out of the District's program each year thereafter.

The pilot program option will be automatically eliminated on January 31, 2011, if no member opts out of the District's service.

The pilot program proposal is attached as Exhibit B.

Recommended Action: Board action as deemed appropriate.

[Staff Contact: G. Goedhart. Phone: (714) 971-2421, Ext. 115]

14. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

15. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** At this time, members of the Board of Trustees may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give directions to staff, provided that NO action is taken on non-agenda items unless authorized by law.

16. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**ORANGE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MEETING CALENDAR**

MEETING	LOCATION	DATE
LCC Annual Conference	San Jose Convention Center, San Jose	September 16 - 18, 2009
CalPERS Educational Forum	Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara	October 26 - 28, 2009
MVCAC Fall Meeting 2009	Embassy Suites, South Lake Tahoe	October 28 - 30, 2009
ESA Annual Conference	Indianapolis, Indiana	December 13 - 16, 2009
MVCAC 78th Annual Conference	Hyatt Regency, Sacramento	February 7 - 10, 2010

- AMCA - American Mosquito Control Association
- ASTMH - American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- CALPELRA - California Public Employees Labor Relations Association
- CalPERS - California Public Employees' Retirement System
- CDFA - California Department of Food & Agriculture
- CSDA - California Special Districts Association
- CSMFO - California Society of Municipal Financial Officers
- ERMA - Employment Risk Management Authority
- ESA - Entomological Society of America
- LCC - League of California Cities
- MVCAC - Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
- OCERS - Orange County Employees Retirement System
- RIFA - Red Imported Fire Ant
- SOVE - Society for Vector Ecology
- SWS - Society of Wetland Scientists
- VCJPA - Vector Control Joint Powers Agency
- UTMB - University of Texas Medical Branch
- WNV - West Nile Virus