



## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2020  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting

### Members Present

Joseph Allen  
Bob Barrios  
Barbara Bradley  
Lee Cantrell  
Cliff Hanna  
David Kellum  
Doug Roff  
Byron Simpson  
Malcolm Vinje  
Mike Vizzier  
Stephen Zolezzi

### Members Excused

Robert Logan  
Ruth Heifetz

### Members Unexcused

Zohir Chowdhury

### Others Present

Heather Buonomo, DEH  
Chris Conlan, DEH  
John-Ross Glueck, DEH  
Amy Harbert, DEH  
Erin Jensen, DEH  
Rebecca Lafreniere, DEH  
Kameisha Nichols, DEH  
Sande Pence, DEH  
Lars Seifert, DEH  
Linda Turkatte, DEH

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m., with eleven members present.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 22, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

### IV. VECTOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

Chris Conlan, Supervising Vector Ecologist, gave a presentation on the activities of the Vector Control Program in 2019 and what 2020 is looking like for vector-borne disease detections. John-Ross Glueck, CHD Chief, discussed the proposed vector benefit assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

The Environmental Health Advisor Board (EHAB) took action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to convey their support for DEH's Vector Benefit Assessment proposal for Fiscal Year 2020-21, the programs integrated pest management approach, operational cost containment efforts, and increased efficiencies.

Additionally, John-Ross Glueck briefly discussed an item that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the near future regarding a revenue agreement with the State for DEH's Radiological Health Program. DEH is currently waiting for the final agreement from the State. Should the Board of Supervisors documents need to be submitted prior to the next EHAB meeting, EHAB took action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to convey their support for the Radiological Health Program and DEH's revenue agreement with the State. DEH will give a presentation to EHAB on the Radiological Health Program at a future meeting.

### V. UPDATES FROM DEH EXECUTIVE OFFICE (AMY HARBERT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR)

#### Summary of DEH's efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Supervisors took action to defer fees for some of DEH's programs, including the CUPA Program fees and certain Land and Water Quality Division program fees. This gives permit holders a 6-month grace period to pay for their permit fees.

- Amy Harbert and Heather Buonomo worked with the California Retail Food Safety Coalition to help put together the framework for restaurant reopening at the state level. Locally, we worked with our County Public Health Officer to implement protocols specific to the restaurant industry in terms more familiar to our operators.
- We continue to have staff in the field doing status verification and providing guidance to restaurants. We are leveraging remote work as much as feasible and complying with the Health Order requirements for all businesses. We are working with staff to ensure a continuity of operations and planning to bring staff back to the office in stages.
- **DEH Legislative Log**  
Updates were given by the division Chiefs.
- **Board Letter Log**  
Board Letter Log was distributed and reviewed.
- **Vacancies**  
DEH has a 11% vacancy rate. During this time of economic uncertainty and downturn, we will have a higher rate of vacant positions.

## VI. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.