



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**May 15, 2024  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Hybrid  
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Zohir Chowdhury Toby Roy Scott Snyder Malcolm Vinje Mike Vizzier	Jesse Conner LaRosa Watson	Ana Becker, DEHQ Erin Bechtol, DEHQ James Cheng, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Vivian He, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ	Cliff Hanna

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., with five active EHQAB members present.

**II. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A BOARD MEMBER (POSSIBLE ACTION, IF APPLICABLE)**

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE April 24, 2024, MINUTES – Board member Vizzier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Board member Vinje.

ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**V. VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND SERVICE CHARGE– ACTION ITEM**

Nikos Gurfield, County Veterinary and Saran Grewal, Chief of Community Health Division and Vector Control Program (VCP) gave an informational presentation on Vector Control Program.

Board members had comments and questions regarding invasive aedes and diseases they can transmit (i.e. dengue), the process and procedures VCP staff use during disease investigations and mosquito adulticide responses, flight radius for mosquito species, public notifications, VCP work at the international border, and mosquito surveillance/treatment/breeding.

**Action Item:** The Board voted to take action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to convey their support for the Vector Control Program Benefit Assessment and Service Charge, with five members voting in favor.

MOTION TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – Board member Synder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Board member Chowdhury.  
ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0

## VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **DEHQ Vacancies Report**  
We currently have 6% adjusted vacancy rate. Some positions are harder to fill and taking longer due to not having candidates that meet the years of experience minimum qualifications. DEHQ will continue its focus on providing growth opportunities for staff.
- **Upcoming Board Letters, Deborah Mosley, Deputy Director**
  - Annual Budget Presentations, June 4, 6 & 25, 2024
  - Budget Community Meetings, May 23 & 29, 2024
  - Beach and Bay State Ratification, May 22, 2024
  - DEHQ Cost Recovery, 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing May 22, 2024
  - Local Emergency Review. State law requires that the Board of Supervisors consider a continuation of a state of emergency every 60 days.
  - Vector Benefit Assessment, June 26, 2024 (anticipated)
  - Pesticide Sole Source Contract, July 4, 2024 (anticipated)
- **Temporary Acting Positions**  
For the months of June/July, Amy Harbert, Interim Land Use and Environment Group Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) and Heather Buonomo interim DEHQ Director.
- **Recognition/Introductions**  
Malcolm Vinje – Recognition for more than 30+ years of volunteer service on EHQAB  
Dolores Scruggs – Introduction of DEHQ Executive Office's new Administrative Secretary III
- **Legislative Highlights and Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**  
The below bills were discussed.
  - Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Joann Lee
    - AB 2247, Mobilehome Parks Act: Notice of Violations: Manufactured Housing Opportunity and Revitalization (MORE) Program
    - AB 2079, Groundwater Extraction: Large-Diameter, High Capacity Wells: Permits
  - Vector Control Programs Saran Grewal
    - SB 1251, Mosquito Abatement Inspections
  - Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Ryan Johnson
    - AB 1775, Cannabis: Retail Preparation, Sale, and Consumption of Noncannabis Food and Beverage Products
    - AB 2550, Business Establishments: Building Standards: Retail Food Safety
    - SB 1167, Solid Waste: Single-use Drinking Vessels
    - AB 2384, Public Swimming Pools: Emergency Telephones

## VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:49 A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Synder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Board member Vinje.  
ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5500 Overland Avenue  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sycamore Conference Room  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Offered only for Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances**

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