

Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
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Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, March 23, 2020

11:00 a.m.

**CALL AND NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956**

In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing and to comply with recent orders issued by Governor Newsom, the Board encourages the public to participate by calling **1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 129 316 688**; or by emailing your public comment to the Clerk by 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2020 at gmorales@cvmvcd.org if you want to provide comments on the agenda item or subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Board.

AGENDA

Assistance for those with disabilities: If you have a disability and need accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call the Clerk of the Board at (760) 342-8287 for assistance so the necessary arrangements can be made. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

- 1. Call to Order** – Franz De Klotz, President
- 2. Roll Call** – Graciela Morales, Clerk of the Board
- 3. Public Comments**

Please see above regarding telephone and email participation. Those wishing to address the Board should complete a Public Comment Card and provide it to the Clerk of the Board.

A. **PUBLIC Comments — AGENDA ITEMS:** Persons wishing to address the Board on agenda items are requested to do so at this time. When addressing the Board, please come to the podium and give your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person per item has been established.

B. **PUBLIC Comments — NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Persons wishing to address the Board on items not appearing on the agenda are requested to do so at this time. When addressing the Board, please come to the podium and give your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established. California Government Code Section 54950 prohibits the Board from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

C. **PUBLIC Comments — CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Persons wishing to address the Board on closed session items are requested to do so at this time. When addressing the Board, please come to the podium and give your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established.

4. Review and/or approve Resolution No. 2020-05 proclaiming and ratifying the existence of a local emergency – **Franz De Klotz, President of the Board of Trustees**
5. **Closed Session** – Consultation with Legal Counsel—Threat to Public Services or Facilities pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

6. Adjournment

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

All public records relating to an agenda item on this agenda are available for public inspection at the time the record is distributed to all, or a majority of all, members of the Board. Such records shall be available at the District office located at 43420 Trader Place, Indio, California.

I certify that on March 20, 2020, I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda near the regular meeting place of the Board of Trustees of the Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and on the District's website, said time being at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Trustees (Government Code Section 54954.2)

Executed at Indio, California, on March 20, 2020.

Graciela Morales, Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT PROCLAIMING AND RATIFYING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (“District”) has the authority to proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 3100 states that all public employees are declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law, and the District needs to protect the public health within its boundaries through the control of vectors (such as mosquitoes) and vector-borne diseases which is deemed as an essential public service; and

WHEREAS, any actions that the District may take to ensure the continuation of critical services to protect the safety of staff, residents and visitors and to provide for immunities that will protect the District for actions taken, as covered under the California Emergency Services Act; and

WHEREAS, working with the County of Riverside, this proclamation authorizes the undertaking of powers and invoking and disseminating emergency orders (e.g., emergency orders, emergency spending authorities, emergency or pre-established contracting, order necessary Personal Protective Equipment, recovery, etc.) and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation establishes that an emergency exists, and that if mutual aid of in-county resources are needed to assist the District, as covered under the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement and any local agreements to provide mutual aid should be sufficient to establish, and that the Emergency Services Act applies; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation establishes that an emergency exists, and if out-of-county assistance is needed, requests for mutual aid should follow procedures set forth by the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), including obtaining mission numbers through the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department from CalOES for responding agencies. This is particularly important for possible reimbursement of extraordinary expenses in the event of a proclaimed “State of Emergency” or in the event of a presidential declaration of disaster when state or federal disaster relief funds become available; and

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a

result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease which led to California Governor Gavin Newsom, to proclaim a State of Emergency for California on March 4, 2020 and a Shelter in Place Order on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, currently COVID-19 has spread globally to more than 70 countries, infecting more than 274,077 persons and causing more than 11,354 fatalities worldwide as of 2:25 p.m. on March 20, 2020. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat this virus; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has confirmed that mosquitoes do not transmit COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a Local Health Emergency was proclaimed by the County of Riverside Public Health Officer on March 8, 2020, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a Local Emergency was proclaimed by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CDC confirmed person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, raising the possibility of community transmission occurring in the general public. This has resulted in a Federal Declaration of National Emergency as declared by President Donald Trump on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the District proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the General Manager of the District, following consultation with the Board President and Agency Counsel, determined the existence of a local emergency due to the escalating COVID-19 world-wide pandemic and commenced initial steps in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the risk to the public and District employees which included such steps as closing the District's lobby to visitors; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Board of Directors met to ratify and confirm the determination of the General Manager that a local emergency exists.

NOW, THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Directors of the District hereby proclaims the existence of a local emergency and directs the General Manager and staff to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the General Manager shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances and resolutions of the District Board.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that to keep the public and employees of the District safe from the COVID-19 virus, all non-essential programs and activities, as determined by the General Manager, are suspended until further notice. Effective immediately, the District will be closed to public access. Additional restrictions may take place if conditions are warranted.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Executive Board of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this proclamation shall be the Riverside County EMD to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services; that the Governor of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Proclamation through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the District.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District in a meeting thereof held on the 23 day of March, 2020, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Franz De Klotz, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Graciela Morales, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lena D. Wade, General Counsel

REVIEWED:

Jeremy Wittie, MS, General Manager

Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

Public Comment / Request to Speak to the Board of Trustees

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Address (Street Address Optional*):

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comment / Question:

Please adhere to the following rules:

- State your name and city in which you reside
- Address your comments to the Board of Trustees as a whole
- Limit your comment to no more than three (3) minutes

This form is not mandatory but please note that priority will be given to those speakers that have filled out the form and turned it into the Clerk of the Board.

This form is subject to public disclosure.

*The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
welcomes your comments!*

