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State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

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State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Meeting Agenda

MEMBERS

Lee Corte-Real, **Chairman**
Department of Agricultural
Resources (DAR)

Bruce Hansen
Department of Conservation
And Recreation (DCR)

Gary Gonyea
Department of Environmental
Protection (DEP)

DATE: **Thursday, April 11, 2013**
TIME: **10:00 AM-11:00 AM**
LOCATION: **Conference Room, 251 Causeway Street, 5th Floor,
Boston, MA 02114**

ADMINISTRATION

Mark S. Buffone
Executive Director

Alisha Bouchard
Project Administrator

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS & DISTRICTS

Berkshire County Mosquito
Control Project

Bristol County Mosquito
Control Project

Central Massachusetts
Mosquito Control Project

Cape Cod Mosquito
Control Project

East Middlesex Mosquito
Control Project

Norfolk County Mosquito
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts
Mosquito & Wetland
Management District

Plymouth County Mosquito
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito
Control Project

- A. **Start:** Call to Order by Chairman Corte-Real, and Attendance.
- B. **Martha's Vineyard-** 2013 Mosquito Surveillance and Testing
- C. **Adjournment:** The Board will officially adjourn the meeting.

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Alternative North Route:

Take Interstate 93S to Exit 28/ Sullivan Square/Charlestown. After exiting, stay left and follow signs for Sullivan Square/Charlestown. Enter traffic circle and follow signs for Downtown/Storrow Drive. This is Route 99 south (Rutherford Ave.). At Bunker Hill Community College follow signs for City Square/Downtown Boston. Stay straight and follow signs for North Station.

From Eastern New Hampshire and Northeastern Massachusetts:

Take Interstate 95S to Route 1 S. Follow Route 1 across the Tobin Bridge and follow signs for Storrow Drive / Cambridge. Stay right to exit at Nashua Street and follow signs for North Station. The Fleet Center will be located on your left and 251 Causeway will be just down past the Route 93 overpass on the right

From the South:

Take Interstate 95N to Interstate 93N to Boston. Enter new 93 N Tunnel. Take Exit 26/Storrow Drive. After exiting, stay left and follow the signs for North Station. Please be advised the exit will be on your left. Once you exit, you will be on Martha Road/Nashua Street. The Fleet Center will be located on your left and 251 Causeway will be just down past the Route 93 overpass on the right.

Alternative South Route:

Take Exit 23/Gov't Center off the new Tunnel. At the top of the exit, stay straight and follow sign for North Station. This is Cross Street. Cross Street will merge into North Washington St. At first traffic light fork left onto Medford St. Take Medford Street to the end and turn left onto Causeway St. 251 Causeway Street is on the immediate left.

From the West:

Take Mass Pike East to Interstate 93N to Boston. Enter new 93 N Tunnel. Take Exit 26/Storrow Drive. After exiting, stay left and follow the signs for North Station. Please be advised the exit will be on your left. Once you exit, you will be on Martha Road/Nashua Street. The Fleet Center will be located on your left and 251 Causeway will be just down past the Route 93 overpass on the right.

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Subject: Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013

Place: Conference Room, 251 Causeway Street, 5th Floor,
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Present for the:

Board and Administration:

Lee Corte-Real, Department of Agricultural Resources, Chairman
Bruce Hansen, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Member
Gary Gonyea, Department of Environmental Protection, Member

Mark Buffone, Executive Director

Other: Jessica Burgess, MDAR Legal Counsel

A. Start: Call to Order by Chairman Corte-Real, and Attendance.

Chairman Lee Corte-Real called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Those present were Gary Gonyea representing Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmel of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bruce Hansen representing Commissioner Edward M. Lambert Jr. Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Chairman Lee Corte-Real recognized himself representing Commissioner Gregory C. Watson, of the MA Department of Agricultural Resources. The Chairman stated that there was a quorum. Chairman Corte-Real proceeded to the only item on the agenda which was to review the status of the Martha's Vineyard mosquito control district.

B. Martha's Vineyard- 2013 Mosquito Surveillance and Testing

B.1: Background:

Jessica Burgess stated that Martha's Vineyard (MV) representatives have been asking a number of questions concerning what they can and cannot do regarding the question of being a district. At a prior meeting, the Board proposed steps and requested MV come back to the Board. Secondary to the Board's direction, some counties administrators went to EEA secretariat and asked questions. EEA tasked MDAR legal to look into options of surveillance only. With further research, MDAR legal discovered a way that MV could participate in the ISA for the testing of pools of mosquitoes through DPH only. She proposed a very limited option and it did not address what happens if MV detects any positive pools or conducts mosquito control action in response. In reviewing the enabling act of legislation established in 1957, there was an opportunity to appropriate and deposit funds into an account. J. Burgess commented that we know the account exists because there is approximately 2,000 dollars in that account.

She contended that this account could be used for the investigation of mosquito control work and or construction and maintenance for the County of Dukes under the direction and supervision of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board. She remarked that what is being proposed would allow MV towns who want to participate in surveillance and testing. However, she noted MV would need to determine on their end how to do this. MV will be allowed to deposit funds into this account which the SRMCB will manage and control and that the funds in that account will be used only to pay DPH for testing as part of the ISA for the testing of pools collected from surveillance works. J. Burgess emphasized that the County will need to coordinate directly with DPH in terms of identifying an individual who can set traps, collect, sort, and submit pools to DPH. This task would be a direct communication between DPH and MV. The Board involvement would be limited to essentially authorizing Alisha Bouchard, the projects administrator, to make payments under the ISA with money from that account.

B.2: Questions and Discussions: Gary Gonyea asked if there were any negatives anticipated after the fact of her research. J. Burgess stated that there are no other options under Chapter 252 for surveillance only for non-member communities to opt in. And she anticipates that any concern from non-member communities can be answered since the MV situation is unique to enabling legislation. She highlighted the fact that her research relies on the existing legislation language. It is this language that can be used as a model for why we can allow the MV testing program as a response to those non-member communities wanting to participate in a similar fashion. We don't have that capacity and there is nothing in 252 or enabling legislation to allow us to do this for other municipalities.

She suggested the Board might consider authorizing the Chairman to draft a letter to go out to the County Administrator indicating the next steps. For example, the letter could highlight that the Board recognizes that there is existing legislation that created the district and for limited purposes such as for surveillance, the towns on the MV could pay for this specific purpose subject to appropriation. The letter would inform the administrators of how MV could put funds into the existing account, and provide information to directly contact projects administrator Alisha Bouchard for additional details. MV would have to figure out how they would do it on their end. Finally, MV would need to be told that it is their responsibility to contact DPH directly to coordinate with them. The SRMCB would have directly oversight of the account.

Gary Gonyea remarked that what was being proposed sounded reasonable. Gary expressed support for a letter that stated surveillance is only one component of the entire mosquito control approach. He commented that there should be some kind of plan that included habitat work to identify where mosquitoes are developing, larviciding actions, and other mosquito control measures that should be in place to insure MV could respond appropriately if they start finding WNV and EEEV. He strongly felt that the Board should urge them to do this.

J. Burgess stated that the Board through its counsel in essence has taken on what the Board asked MV to do through EEA secretary direction. Under the circumstances and situation, the Board stepped up and did some of the work. Nonetheless, the Board member maintained that the County must be informed that they need to identify personnel and set up a program. Initially, MV is being allowed to set up a program for surveillance only at this point but the Chairman commented that they should be strongly encouraged to expand the project into full complete mosquito control project. The Board members echoed that the County mosquito project exists and that the County is now tasked with creating a surveillance program as they have requested. However, the Board urges them to expand beyond just surveillance to create a program that encompasses all of Chapter 252 MGL. MV have requested testing and surveillance using an authorized approach via the ISA with DPH. The Board members expressed that any additional costs for efforts beyond collection and surveillance must be borne by the towns of MV.

B.3: Action Taken: Three votes were taken by the Board as follows:

1st Vote: Gary Gonyea moved that the Board support the proposal as presented by Jessica Burgess recognizing the district covering MV was created by enabling act of legislation and that upon review it was determine funds can be deposited into an account managed by the SRMCB to pay for the testing of mosquitoes by MV personnel. This fund shall only be used for the specific purpose of paying solely for the costs of testing through the ISA with DPH. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hansen and voted unanimously 3-0.

2nd Vote: Gary Gonyea moved that a letter be drafted to the appropriate Martha Vineyard officials reflecting the Board's decision and the items have been discussed at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hansen and voted unanimously 3-0.

3rd Vote: Bruce Hansen moved to authorize the projects Administrator, Alisha Bouchard to make payments under the ISA using the funds deposited in the MV account. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and voted unanimously 3-0.

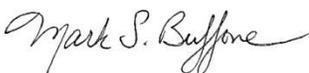
C. Adjournment: The Board will officially adjourn the meeting.

C.1: Background: Chairman Corte-Real asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

C.2: Questions and Discussion: None.

C.3: Actions Taken: Bruce Hansen made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM and seconded by Gary Gonyea and unanimously voted 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark S. Buffone
Executive Director