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## **Meeting Agenda**

*State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board*

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

1:00 PM **at 251 Causeway Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes
3. GEIR Update Draft and Discussion
4. Cape Cod Municipal Managers Association Letter
5. National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permits
6. Other Business
7. Next Meeting Date
8. Adjournment



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**STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD (SRMCB)**

**Subject: Summary Meeting Minutes**

**Date / Time:** Wednesday, July 8, 2009

**Place:** 251 Causeway Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room  
Boston, MA 02114

**Attendees:**

SRMCB Board: Mark Buffone, Department of Agricultural Resources /SRMCB, Chairman  
Gary Gonyea, Department of Environmental Protection / SRMCB Member  
Anne Monnelly, Department of Conservation and Recreation / SRMCB Member

**1.0: Call to Order and Attendance.** Chairman, Mark Buffone officially call the meeting of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board to order at 1:10 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 251 Causeway Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room A, Boston, MA

He introduced himself as Chairman and the fact that he was representing the Department of Agricultural Resources. He also recognized and introduced Anne Monnelly who represents the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Gary Gonyea who represents the Department of Environmental Protection.

He stated that today's meeting was posted at both the Secretary of State's office and Executive Office of Administration and Finance pursuant to the Open meeting Law. And that the meeting was posted on the Board's website.

He remarked that the Board did have a quorum for voting purposes.

- 1.2: Opening Remarks: Chairman Buffone asked the members to sign the attendance sheet.
- 2.0: Vote to approve June 10, 2009 and June 15, 2009 minutes:
  - 2.1: **Background:** Chairman Buffone stated that the Board has 2 sets of minutes that need approval and distributed them to each member. He was referring to the minutes of June 10, 2009 and June 15, 2009. He remarked that he would entertain a blanket motion to approve both of the minutes as written or if the Board preferred, it could make separate motions for each set of minutes? In any case, he entertained a motion to approve the minutes as written along with any changes deemed necessary for accuracy.
  - 2.2: **Questions and Discussions:** The Board members reviewed the minutes and noted various minor typographical corrections that need to be addressed. Gary Gonyea highlighted a number of items that needed correction. Chairman Buffone stated he would make the changes and then have the final minutes posted on the Board's website.
  - 2.3: **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea moved to accept the minutes with the minor changes for accuracy made by Gary Gonyea and Anne Monnelly. Motion seconded by Anne Monnelly and the motion after vote to approve the minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 carried unanimously.
- 3.0: **GEIR Update Draft and Discussion**
  - 3.1: **Background:** The Board received a draft update to the GEIR from Dr. Sam Telford of Tufts.
  - 3.2: **Questions and Discussion:** The Board discussed at length the draft while preliminarily reviewing all sections of the draft document noting a number of revisions that need to be incorporated into the document.
  - 3.3: **Action Taken:** The Board agreed to send a number of preliminary comments to Dr. Telford after the meeting and it was pointed out that these particular comments are only a preliminary review. The Board members anticipate that they will have more comments and proposed to meet with Dr. Telford on July 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning or afternoon.
- 4.0: **Cape Cod Municipal Managers Association Letter**
  - 4.1: **Background:** Chairman Buffone distributed a letter from the President of the Cape Cod Municipal Managers Association sent to the Department of Revenue-Division of Municipal Databank/Local Aid Section pertaining to their support of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Commissions request to increase their FY 10 budget by 2 and ½ % over the FY 09 budget. Further, he stated that the letter highlighted that DOR should based the cherry sheet assessments for the Cape Cod municipalities on the increased amount the Commission approved versus the amount certified by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board which was level funded.
  - 4.2: **Questions and Discussions:** None.
  - 4.3: **Action Taken:** No Action.

5.0: National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permits

- 5.1: **Background:** Chairman Buffone distributed a an update on the issue of the Clean Water Act permit requirements and thanked Gary Gonyea for sending it to the Board members. The Chairman brought this up because the update describes that EPA will work on how to develop the general permit based on Best Management Practices. Also, the Chairman distributed the letter that Commissioner Soares recently sent to Roger Janson, Chief, Municipal Permits Branch, EPA Region I - New England

Commissioner Soares stated that he looked forward to the issuance of a Programmatic General Permit for the purpose of satisfying our desire and intent to fully comply with the court's January 7, 2009 decision as the statutory lead agency for regulating pesticides in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 132 B of the Massachusetts General Laws. This decision is very important to insure that our efforts to conduct this agency's mission and its programs which take place under our oversight, supervision, and enforcement remain in compliance.

He encouraged and requested that your office keep MDAR apprised of the status and progress of the development of a general permit to secure our compliance for the future of our agricultural and public health programs. We offer our utmost cooperation and assistance to meet our mutual objectives prior to the expiration date of April 9, 2011.

- 5.2: **Questions and Discussions:** Gary Gonyea stated that this matter is now out of the Board's hands. He noted that Massachusetts is one of 4 states that do not have delegated authority to implement the NPDES program. In other words, he highlighted that the state DEP writes the permit but EPA issues the permit. The Board continues to monitoring the issue.

- 5.3: **Action Taken:** None.

6.0: Other Business

- 6.1 **Background:** #1 The Chairman inform the Board that he was notified that a longtime Commissioner and former Chairman of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project Gordon Wolfe passed away. On behalf of the Board, he would send a card and express condolences to Nancy his wife. At the same time, Chairman Buffone again expressed sympathy for the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project personnel and Commission concerning the recent and untimely death of their administrative assistant Maureen Tucan. He thanked Anne for purchasing a condolence card that was sent to the Tucan family on behalf of the Board.

#2 Chairman Buffone asked the Board if they would be amenable to accompanying him for onsite visits to all 9 MCP this season and in the winter/early spring. He told members that the Board should do this as part of a listening tour and to observe firsthand the issues brought before them especially budget justifications. He told the members that all of the members would benefit from becoming more familiar with their operations. He felt the first visit should be looking at the headquarters and going to a site of operation. The second phase of visits could include visiting town officials to discuss mosquito control and hear their concerns if any including discussion of budgets issues if any. The Board agreed that they would keep open July 21<sup>st</sup> to visit East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project and August 5<sup>th</sup> to visit Bristol and Plymouth County Mosquito Control Projects.

#3 The Chairman informed the Board that he received a letter and application for filling the vacancy at the Northeast Mosquito Control Project from Jim Foley. He distributed the application to each member. He noted this would be a new appointment that would fill an existing vacancy of Robert Morehouse whose term expired back on November 30, 2007. He explained that Mr. Morehouse sent a letter to the Board in 2008 stating he would not seek re-appointment. The Chairman emphasized that Mr. Foley was a Commissioner whose term expired on November 30, 2005 and chose not to seek re-appointment. The Chairman suggested we could schedule an interview on the same day the Board meets in August in order to vote at that meeting.

If the Board appointed Mr. Foley, the term would be effective in 2009 and run until November 30, 2012

6.2: Questions and Discussions: None.

6.3: Action Taken: None.

7.0: Next Meeting Date

7.1 **Background:** The Chairman informed everyone of the next scheduled meeting date of the Board scheduled for Wednesday @ 251 Causeway Street, Boston, on August 12, 2009 unless otherwise posted or needed to accomplish the Board's work

7.2: Questions and Discussions: None.

7.3: Action Taken: None.

8.0: Adjournment.

8.1 **Background:** The Chairman asked if there were any other comments or questions before the Board officially adjourned the meeting.

8.2: Questions and Discussions: None.

8.3: Action Taken: Gary Gonyea moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Anne Monnelly and the vote carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Buffone  
Chairman