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MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS & DISTRICTS

Berkshire County Mosquito
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East Middlesex Mosquito
Control Project

Norfolk County Mosquito
Control Project

Northeast Massachusetts
Mosquito & Wetland
Management District

Plymouth County Mosquito
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito
Control Project

Subject: Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Place: Walpole Town Hall, 135 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081 (Main meeting room 1st floor)

Present for the: Board and Administration:

Lee Corte-Real, Department of Agricultural Resources, Chairman
Anne Carroll, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Member
Gary Gonyea, Department of Environmental Protection, Member
Mark Buffone, Executive Director
Alisha Bouchard, Project Administrator

Mosquito Control Project Commissioners:

Robin Chapell, Norfolk County
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Linda Shea, Norfolk County
Arthur Tobin, Bristol County
Wally Terrill, Berkshire County
Kimberly King, Plymouth County

Mosquito Control Project Directors/ Superintendents /Assistants:

Wayne Andrews, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project
Ellen Bidlack, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project
Jack Card, Northeast MA Mosquito Control & Wetlands Management District
Tim Deschamps, Central MA Mosquito Control Project
John Doane, Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project
David Henley, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project
Chris Horton, Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project
Bruce A. Landers, Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project
Dave Lawson, Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project
Priscilla Matton, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project
Timothy McGlinchy, Central MA Mosquito Control Project
Gabrielle Sakolsky, Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project
Tony Texeira, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project
John Smith, Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project

Others:

Representative Denise C. Garlick, 13th Norfolk District

- A. Start: Call to Order by Chairman Corte-Real, and Attendance.** Chairman Lee Corte-Real called the meeting to order at 10 AM. The Chairman proceeded to conduct a roll call of members. Present were Gary Gonyea representing Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmel of the Department of Environmental Protection, Anne Carroll representing Commissioner Edward M. Lambert Jr. for the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Chairman Lee Corte-Real recognized himself representing Commissioner Soares, of the Department of Agricultural Resources and stated there was a quorum. The Chairman also acknowledged the Norfolk County Commissioners present, the new Superintendent from Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project, and the honorable state representative from the 13th Norfolk District.
- B. Minutes/Summary:** The Board will consider for approval the meeting minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting. **(Vote Required)**
- B.1: Background:** The Chairman asked members if there were any comments, changes, or amendments regarding the minutes. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2011.
- B.2: Questions and Discussions:** None.
- B.3: Action Taken:** G. Gonyea moved to approve the meeting minutes of both the minutes of March 23, 2011. The motion was seconded by A. Carroll and the minutes were voted unanimously 3-0.
- C: NPDES:** NPDES Update by Gary Gonyea, DEP member
- C.1: Background:** G. Gonyea made brief remarks concerning the current status of NPDES, and commented that the EPA would develop a final draft pesticide general permit to be released in July. He reminded all the mosquito control representatives to send their completed PDMPs to him and he would review and provide comments. He noted that the projects would be covered under the draft permit slated to be released in July. He ended his remarks by saying that although the mosquito control programs will not be required to start the NOI filing process until after October 31st, the extension granted by the Court, he strongly recommended that each program have a completed PDMP in place no later than July 31st.
- C.2: Questions and Discussion:** G. Gonyea answered past questions on threshold limits and stated that EPA will count any spraying towards the total area. He further explained that DEP would be holding training later in the year to help the mosquito control programs comply with the NOI filing process.
- C.3: Action Taken:** None on the current NPDES issue. However, the Chairman stated that the Norfolk presentation, Agenda item E be done before the FY 12 Mosquito Control Budget Agenda item D to accommodate a request from the Norfolk County Commissioners. The Board members had no objection to the change.
- E: Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project Presentation:** The Board heard a presentation by the Norfolk County program.
- E.1: Background:** Dr. Rich Pollack provided a very good 15 minute presentation to the Board and all present outlining and highlighting the work of Norfolk County mosquito control program.
- E.2: Questions and Discussions:** None
- E.3: Action Taken:** As in the past, the Executive Director will make the presentation available on the Board's website as part of these minutes.

D: FY 12 Mosquito Control Budgets: The Board will consider approval/certification of FY 12 budgets (including balances forward and prior year spending). **(Vote Required)**

D.1: Background: The Chairman proposed that the Board consider the programs whose FY 12 budgets were submitted as level funded .There was no objection. The following table reflects the budgets and amounts voted unanimously by the Board.

Part 1-D.2: Questions and Discussions: There was little discussion pertaining to level funded budgets. Before voting on the Berkshire FY 12 budget, Chris Horton, Superintendent provided a brief update regarding the Pittsfield City Council meeting he attended. The Board members asked a couple of questions of Executive Director, Tim DesChamps of the Central MA Mosquito control program pertaining to balance forward surplus. He remarked that the surplus was earmarked and in process for capital expenditures and modernization of recordkeeping. He wanted it noted for the record that the Central MA budget has been level funded since FY 09. David Henley, Superintendent of East Middlesex explained that the majority of his cities and towns were in favor of level funding with a few expressing that increases should be no more than 2%.

FY 12 Massachusetts Mosquito Control Proposed Budgets (May 25, 2011)

	Mosquito Control Projects and Board Administration	Approved and Certified Operating Budget for FY 11	Proposed Total FY 12 Budget	Amount Increased/ or Change from FY 11	% Increase or Decrease	Notes:	Yes, No or Other
							VOTE
1	Berkshire County	\$ 202,800	\$ 202,800	\$ -	0.0%	Level funded	yes
2	Central MA	\$ 1,671,893	\$ 1,671,893	\$ -	0.0%	Level funded	yes
3	East Middlesex County	\$ 586,692	\$ 586,789	\$ (- 97.00)	0.0%	Level funded	yes
4	Northeast	\$ 1,518,953	\$ 1,513,848	\$ (-5,105.00)	-0.3%	Level funded	yes
5	Suffolk County	\$ 230,283	\$ 230,283	\$ -	0.0%	Level funded	yes

Part 1-D.3: Action Taken:

Berkshire: A. Carroll moved to approve the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project FY 12 budget which was level funded in the amount of \$202,800 dollars. The motion was seconded by G. Gonyea and voted unanimously 3-0.

Central MA: G. Gonyea moved to approve the Central MA Mosquito Control Project FY 12 budget which was level funded in the amount of \$1, 671, 893 dollars. The motion was seconded by A. Carroll and voted unanimously 3-0.

East Middlesex County: A. Carroll moved to approve the East Middlesex County Mosquito Control Project FY 12 budget which was level funded in the amount of \$586,789 dollars. The motion was seconded by G. Gonyea and voted unanimously 3-0.

Northeast: G. Gonyea moved to approve the Northeast Mosquito Control Project FY 12 budget which was level funded in the amount of \$1,518,848 dollars. The motion was seconded by A. Carroll and voted unanimously 3-0.

Suffolk County: G. Gonyea moved to approve the Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project FY 12 budget which was level funded in the amount of \$230,283 dollars. The motion was seconded by A. Carroll and voted unanimously 3-0.

Part 2-D.2: Questions and Discussions

The SRMCB received many comments from the mosquito control project representatives whose budgets were not approved. Board members stated they were not ready to consider FY 12 budgets that were submitted above FY 11 amounts with increases ranging from 2.4% to 22%.

Chairman Corte-Real stated that as the MDAR representative he had concerns because all state agencies are enduring some percent cut, in the case of MDAR, 8-10% due to continued state budget deficits. The Chairman asked what additional benefits would be derived from these significant increases. Since time for the meeting was expiring, the Chairman requested that the Board table the vote for all the mosquito control projects that submitted budgets above FY 11 amounts. Anne Carroll stated that the Board needed to set another date as soon as possible. Friday, June 3, 2011 was recommended. The Chairman requested that in the interim the mosquito control projects submit supplemental information to the Board with details of how the proposed increases would add more mosquito services. He commented that the current justifications in narrative form were more a general statement of need. He requested that for example general statements of justifications such as increases in payroll (3% COLA for employees) should be stated as how many employees are getting the 3% COLA and what the actual cost will be to the budget.

Mosquito Control Projects and Board Administration	Approved and Certified Operating Budget for FY 11	Proposed Total FY 12 Budget	Amount Increased/ or Change from FY 11	% Increase or Decrease
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6	Cape Cod	\$ 1,638,270	\$ 1,678,270	\$ (+ 40,000.00)	+2.4%	Within Prop 2 and ½
7	Plymouth	\$ 1,319,167	\$ 1,424,700	\$ (+105,533.00)	+7.9%	Justification Received
8	Norfolk	\$ 1,437,177	\$ 1,630,475	\$ (+193,298.00)	+13.4%	Justification Received
9	Bristol	\$ 794,609	\$1,445,023	\$ (+650,414.00)	+*81.9% (22%)	Justification Received
10	Board Administration	\$ 139,187	\$ 260,956	\$ (+121,769.00)	+*87.5% (20%)	Justification Received
Total		\$ 9,539,031.00	\$10,645,037.00	\$ (+1,106,006)	+11.6%	

*These significant percent change increase is the result of a substantial reduction in the prior year budget either to reduce an excessive balance forward surplus in the trust account or resulted from a structural deficit due to uncollected funds in the case of the Board administration. The actual increase in funds actually equates to a 20 and 22% increase (noted above in parenthesis) based on prior year expenditures and amount needed to sustain core program activities.

The Chairman expressed the Board's desire for realistic and detailed numbers of what could be conceivably cut. He requested that projects review their budgets to see if there is any additional cost savings or reductions in proposed increases. He requested that line item details of the proposed increases, identification of the services that would actually be cut if the increases not approve be provided by the Districts.

Part-3D.3: Action Taken: G. Gonyea made a motion stated that the Board prepare a memorandum to the mosquito control projects and Commissions outlining specific line item justification that the Board is requesting for those budgets that exceeded level funding. A. Carroll seconded the motion and was voted unanimously 3-0 The Board agreed to hold the meeting either in Boston or Walpole. If the meeting is in Boston, it would be held at DEP, 1 Winter Street, Boston, MA or the same site as the May 25th meeting in Walpole.

- F:** *Public comment/input period:* The Board will provide an opportunity for the general public to speak and listen to their concerns.
- F.1:** **Background:** Chairman Corte-Real asked if there was any other input not heard.
- F.2:** **Questions and Discussions:** Kimberly King, Plymouth County Commissioner spoke to the Board as a mother of a child that was a victim to EEEv requesting that the Board approve increases of all mosquito control budgets.
- F.3:** **Action Taken:** None.
- G:** *Adjournment and Next Meeting Date:* The Board will announce next meeting date and officially adjourn the meeting.
- G.1:** **Background:** Chairman Corte-Real asked if there was a motion to adjourn.
- G.2:** **Questions and Discussions:** The Board decided to reserve two locations for the recommended June 3, 2011 meeting. Both the Walpole and Boston location would be reserved. Representative Denise C. Garlick requested that the Board draft and send a memorandum to the mosquito control programs that would confirm the meeting location and highlight the Board's requests for supplemental information.
- G.3:** **Action Taken:** Anne Carroll made motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 PM seconded by Gary Gonyea and unanimously voted 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark S. Buffone
Executive Director