



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Agricultural Resources

**State Reclamation and
Mosquito Control Board**

251 Causeway Street, Suite 500

Boston, MA 02114-2151



DEVAL L. PATRICK

Governor

TIMOTHY MURRAY

Lt. Governor

Mark S. Buffone, Chairman

Department of Agricultural Resources

Anne Monnelly

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Gary Gonyea

Department of Environmental Protection

IAN A. BOWLES

Secretary

SCOTT J. SOARES

Commissioner

Alisha Bouchard

Project Administrator

Tel: (617) 626-1715

Fax: (617) 626-1850

Meeting Agenda

State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

10:00 AM **at 251 Causeway Street, 5th floor, Conference Room**

1. Call to Order
2. General Discussion
3. Adjournment



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Agricultural Resources

**State Reclamation and
Mosquito Control Board**

251 Causeway Street, Suite 500

Boston, MA 02114-2151



DEVAL L. PATRICK
Governor

TIMOTHY MURRAY
Lt. Governor

Mark S. Buffone, Chairman
Department of Agricultural Resources
Anne Monnelly
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Gary Gonyea
Department of Environmental Protection

IAN A. BOWLES
Secretary

SCOTT J. SOARES
Commissioner

Alisha Bouchard
Project Administrator
Tel: (617) 626-1715
Fax: (617) 626-1850

STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD (SRMCB)

Subject: Summary Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Place: 251 Causeway Street, 5th 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
Alisha Bouchard, SRMCB, Projects Administrator

Others :

Bruce Landers, Superintendent of Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project
Bob Ritchie, General Counsel, DAR
Michael Rock, CFO DAR
Gabrielle Sakolsky, Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project

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 10:04 AM on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 251 Causeway Street, 5th floor Conference Room A, Boston, MA

He stated that today's meeting was posted at both the Secretary of States 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 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.

- 1.2: **Opening Remarks:** Chairman Buffone asked all present to sign the attendance sheet. He remarked that the Board did have a quorum for voting purposes but that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming budget votes pertaining to FY 10 mosquito control budgets and excessive mosquito control project rollover or balances forward.
- 2.0: **General Discussion:** A general discussion took place about budgets and the fact that Board should not approve either budget increases of any amount or the rollover of funds from previous fiscal years in excess of 10% during a negative economic climate. Board members agreed that the timing was off for requesting increases. While discussing the issue, members of the Board stated that MCPs and Commission must begin to analyze and review budgets in terms of where they can cut or where cost increases can be absorbed. In particular, the Cape Cod MCP submitted a budget 2 and ½ % above the desired level funded benchmark. The Board questioned what the implications of cutting or level funding would have on the MCP services to the member communities. The Board believes that reasons cited regarding increases in cost were not unique to Cape Cod MCP but occur at all levels of government.

The Board discussed the issue of Bristol County MCP excessive rollovers to date and the fact that the Board requested a letter last year from the MCP as to how the funds were expected to be used.

Another issue discussed as a result of identifying cost savings was the fact that employees cannot drive MCP's vehicles home without prior state permission. Otherwise these vehicles must be parked in an approved state or municipal facility. Michael Rock, DAR CFO stated that mosquito control projects employees must receive approval pertaining to "domicile privilege" to store their vehicle other than at an approved city/town or state storage facility. This is a state-wide policy that applies to all state employees. The Cape Cod and Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project representatives acknowledged awareness of the state's domicile policy.

The Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project representative expressed concern over the uncertainty of whether the City of Boston was going to treat catch basins this mosquito season. It was explained that the MCP may have to treat on behalf of the city this year and therefore petitioned the Board to approve a balance forward that exceeded 10 % by a small amount for this one time programmatic issue. The MCP noted that if the City of Boston did treat the catch basins that the small excess funds could be subtracted from the FY 11 budget to maintain a 10% rollover of funding. The Board requested a letter be provided detailing this request.

3.0: **Adjournment.**

- 3.1: **Background:** The Chairman asked if there were any other comments or questions before the Board officially adjourned the meeting.
- 3.2: **Questions and Discussions:** None.
- 3.3: **Action Taken:** Mark Buffone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Buffone
Chairman