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### **State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board ("SRB") Meeting**

**Date: December 12, 2022, at 1:00p.m.**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

1. Call to order and attendance:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, John Lebeaux at 1:01 p.m. SRB members in attendance included Jim Straub (DCR), John Lebeaux (MDAR), and Nancy Lin (DEP). A quorum was met.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from 12/1/22. (Vote Required):

John Lebeaux noted that the draft agenda had been distributed prior to the meeting. John Lebeaux entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. There were no further discussions regarding the meeting minutes from 12/1/22. A motion was made by Jim Straub. Seconded by Nancy Lin. A roll call was conducted. John Lebeaux (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Lin (aye). The meeting minutes were approved.

3. Review and update of signed acknowledgement forms for the updated *State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board's Overview of Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners Serving all Mosquito Control Districts and Projects*

John Lebeaux asked SRB Operations Coordinator, Alex Giannantonio, for an update on the signed acknowledgement form submissions by the requested deadline. Alex Giannantonio responded that 28 acknowledgement forms had been received out of possible 42 Mosquito Control District (MCD) Commissioners. John Lebeaux noted that under the quick turnaround time that was asked, he was delighted that two-thirds of Commissioners had responded. John Lebeaux asked the SRB members if they were agreeable to extending the deadline for the remaining Commissioners to provide their acknowledgement forms. SRB members agreed with the proposed approach and John Lebeaux commented that similar to the previous request, a grace period would be provided until Thursday 12/15 for MCD Commissioners to provide their signed acknowledgement forms.

John Lebeaux asked Alex Giannantonio for an overview of which District Commissions hadn't provided signed acknowledgement forms yet. Alex Giannantonio commented that there were still outstanding acknowledgement forms that fell within East Middlesex, Pioneer Valley, Northeast, Suffolk County, and Cape Cod District Commissions. John Lebeaux commented that he would be happy to give Commissioners a little more time with the understanding that the form is an acknowledgement of the duties and responsibilities established in statute and regulation. John Lebeaux added that subsequent to Thursday 12/15, if there were still Commissioners that had not responded, that the SRB would have to think about what that meant and how to continue.

4. Review and discussion of MCD Commission request to increase meeting stipend dollar amount from the current rate of \$100 per meeting (Vote Required)

John Lebeaux discussed that at the last meeting it was agreed upon that the SRB would think about this agenda item a little more. John Lebeaux commented to the SRB members that he did see a relationship between the previous agenda topic and the request to increase meeting stipend amounts. John Lebeaux added that he had an open mind to meeting stipends, but he would like to resolve the matter of the acknowledgement forms being signed prior to him being willing to deliberate and vote on the matter of the stipends. John Lebeaux noted that he would have concern if someone was unwilling to sign a document that established the responsibilities of the Commission member and then give that individual an increase in stipend. Nancy Lin commented that she would agree with John Lebeaux on the matter. Jim Straub also voiced his agreement with the proposed approach. John Lebeaux commented that this matter would be carried over to the next SRB meeting. John Lebeaux asked if anyone had anything else for the SRB today. There were no further questions or comments. John Lebeaux closed by asking Jessica Burgess, Deputy General Counsel, if she agreed with everything that was discussed and that no formal actions were needed for the meeting agenda items. Jessica Burgess agreed that no formal actions were needed.

5. Adjourn Meeting:

Hearing no further comments or questions, John Lebeaux entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Lin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. A roll call vote was conducted. John Lebeaux (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Lin (aye). The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.