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State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Meeting

Date: 2/28/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Call to Order and Attendance:

The meeting was called to order by SRB Chair and MDAR Commissioner, Ashley Randle, at 11:02 am. Additional SRB members in attendance included Jim Straub (DCR), and Nancy Lin (DEP). A meeting quorum was met.

Approval of meeting minutes from 12/19/23 SRB meeting (Vote Required):

Ashley Randle entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. There were no further discussions regarding the meeting minutes from 12/19/23. A motion was made by Nancy Lin. Seconded by Jim Straub. A roll call was conducted. Ashley Randle (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Lin (aye). The meeting minutes were approved. Prior to moving to the next agenda item, Ashley Randle Congratulated Nancy Lin for receiving a lifetime achievement award from the DEP.

Update and continued discussion on E.O. 594 Leading by Example: Decarbonizing and Minimizing Environmental Impacts of State Government, and the Operational Services Divisions (OSD) EV First Policy and potential impacts to the Mosquito Control Districts (MCD) operations:

Alex Giannantonio noted that there were only a few updates to report on since the last SRB meeting in December. Alex Giannantonio acknowledged that the Plymouth County MCD EV charging installation project had been completed. It was noted that there were now two MCDs that had functional EV charging stations at their headquarter locations, Cape Cod MCD and Plymouth County MCD.

Alex Giannantonio added that there was an update from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) at the end of January regarding their revised grant program for EV infrastructure installation. DOER's Program Opportunity Notice (PON) was in the final stages of review and should be posted with available funding shortly. It was added that this revised grant program should have available funding up to \$150,000 per site address, and the term requirements for agencies that occupy leased facilities should be reduced from five years to one year. A draft version of the amended PON was sent to the MCDs for their awareness.

Update on the sharing of equipment in support of MCD operations:

Alex Giannantonio noted that this topic was added as an agenda item to make the Board members aware of recent requests that have been received from some of the MCDs to share equipment across their districts to facilitate needed mosquito control activities. It was added that these types of arrangements between districts were being processed via Interdepartmental Service Agreements (ISA's) to ensure that the district that was loaning out their equipment was being compensated for any associated costs.

Jim Straub asked a question regarding the sharing of equipment and associated short-term or long-term cost implications. Jessica Burgess answered the question by discussing the nature of sharing equipment across the districts due to unforeseen circumstances. It was added that this topic could lead into the development of a proposal for SRB review related to an arrangement and sharing of equipment. Jim Straub asked an additional question regarding the establishment of an SRB emergency fund to facilitate repairs due to sharing equipment. Jessica Burgess provided a response and noted that current funding arrangements were handled at the district level and there was no use of SRB funding for these types of examples. Jessica Burgess added that examples of equipment sharing that have come up recently are a result of things that the MCDs could not have anticipated. There were no further questions or comments from the group.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control District commissioner interview for Joyce Krystofolski:

Ashley Randle acknowledged that Joyce Krystofolski was in attendance and would be interviewing for the open Plymouth County Mosquito Control District (PCMCD) commissioner position. The Board members asked Joyce Krystofolski a series of seven questions related to her relevant skills, knowledge, and experiences interfacing and addressing topics related to public health, communications, mosquito control, working with elected officials, and budgeting processes. Joyce Krystofolski provided detailed information and examples that answered the interview questions that were posed by the Board members and addressed how her previous work experience would be a value to the district and to the PCMCD commission.

Hearing no other questions or comments from the group Ashley Randle entertained a motion to approve Joyce Krystofolski's appointment to the PCMCD commission. Jim Straub made a motion to approve Joyce Krystofolski's appointment. The motion was seconded by Ashley Randle. A roll call vote was conducted. Nancy Lin (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Ashley Randle (aye). The Board members congratulated Joyce Krystofolski on her appointment to the PCMCD commission. Alex Giannantonio noted that he would be sending Joyce Krystofolski paperwork to confirm her appointment to the PCMCD commission.

Adjourn Meeting:

Hearing no further comments or questions, Ashley Randle 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. Ashley Randle (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Lin (aye). The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.