

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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### **State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Meeting**

**Date: 4/10/24 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 11:03 am. Additional SRB members in attendance included Jim Straub (DCR), and Nancy Lin (DEP). A meeting quorum was met.

#### **Approval of meeting minutes from 2/28/24 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 2/28/24. 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. Ashley Randle acknowledged that Mia McDonald was present at the SRB meeting and would be joining the Board as the as the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) representative on the SRB after Nancy Lin's retirement on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) testing arrangement and continued partnership with UMASS's New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases (NEWVEC) for the 2024 season (Vote Required):**

Alex Giannantonio noted that The Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) testing arrangement that was organized and agreed upon for the 2023 mosquito season was being proposed for an extension into the 2024 mosquito season. It was added that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the 2023 season, which was agreed upon by all parties was being utilized as the basis for an updated MOU for this season. Currently, the only change of note to the MOU, other than the date range of the agreement, was an increase of samples collected from 1,600 in 2023 to a maximum of 1,750 for the 2024 season. Both DPH and the UMASS's Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases (NEWVEC) were in favor of continuing the JCV testing program for the upcoming season.

Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopers, the Cape Cod MCD Superintendent, asked about the release of JCV testing results. Alex Giannantonio noted that there had not been discussions about the release of the JCV testing data, but that was a topic that could be contemplated by all parties within the MOU. Jessica Burgess noted that the motion would need to be amended to allow for the SRB Chair to sign anything necessary to continue the JCV testing arrangement. An amended motion was made by Ashley Randle to allow for regulatory authority for the SRB chair to sign the JCV testing MOU or any other JCV testing required documents for the 2024 season. A roll call vote was conducted. Nancy Lin (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Ashley Randle (aye).

#### **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 the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) officially modified their Electric Vehicle (EV) Service Equipment grant program from a five-year lease term requirement to a one-year lease term requirement for eligible entities that were interested in submitting a grant application for EV charger installation at their leased headquarter. It was added that there were a few MCDs that were exploring the grant program to install EV charging station equipment now that their facility lease terms were within the grant program application guidelines.

Adjourn Meeting:

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Nancy Lin announced that she was retiring from State service on May 17<sup>th</sup> and expressed her gratitude to the Board members, MDAR, and MCD staff. Ashley Randle noted her appreciation of Nancy Lin's camaraderie on the SRB and added that she looked forward to working with Mia McDonald in the future. 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 11:13 am.