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State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Meeting

Date: 6/14/23 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.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 10:04 a.m. Additional SRB members in attendance included Jim Straub (DCR), and Nancy Lin (DEP). A meeting quorum was met.

Approval of meeting minutes from 5/31/23 SRB meeting (Vote Required):

Ashley Randle noted that the meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Ashley Randle entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. There were no further discussions regarding the meeting minutes from 5/31/23. 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.

Review and approval of adulticide products to be used by the SRB in the event there is a declaration of a public health hazard by the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) due to elevated arborvirus risk. (Vote Required):

Taryn LaScola-Miner discussed that the review and approval process of aerial adulticide products was conducted yearly and that the packet of information of adulticide products that could be used in an aerial application due to a public health hazard were distributed to the Board members. Taryn LaScola-Miner added that a packet of information was also sent to the Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). Taryn LaScola-Miner noted that the Information was reviewed and each of the departments completed memos relative to SRB aerial adulticide product selection. The products that were reviewed were Anvil 10+10, Duet, Merus 3.0, Zenivex, and Imperium. Taryn LaScola-Miner commented that before the information was sent to departments the adulticides were reviewed for efficacy and there were no significant updates from last year. Taryn LaScola-Miner added that overall, it appeared that Anvil 10+10 was the preferred aerial adulticide product and noted that there was also a request for departments to select a back-up product, which was the result of experiencing supply issues in previous years.

Ashley Randle asked if there were any questions from the Mosquito Control Districts (MCDs) or the Board members. Jim Straub inquired about adulticide supply issues for the current year and Taryn LaScola-Miner responded that it did not appear that there were supply issues. Nancy Lin inquired about vendors confirming that adulticide containers did not contain PFAS and Taryn LaScola-Miner discussed the previous testing that had been conducted and that the vendors had switched their adulticide containers. Jessica Burgess clarified that the motion for a vote should identify what the Board was selecting as a primary and back-up adulticide product. Nancy Lin noted for the record that DEP had chosen a back-up adulticide product that was different than the other departments, but as an SRB member would defer to the other department recommendations that were provided. Taryn LaScola-Miner

communicated that the other departments had selected Merus 3.0 as a back-up adulticide product. Ashley Randle entertained a motion to select Anvil 10+10 as the primary aerial adulticide product and Merus 3.0 as the back-up aerial adulticide product. Jim Straub made a motion, which was seconded by Nancy Lin. A roll call vote was conducted. Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Line (aye), Ashely Randle (aye).

Ashley Randle asked for an update on the Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) pilot program that was discussed as an agenda item from the previous SRB meeting on 5/31/23. Jessica Burgess provided a status update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and noted that it was in the process of final review before being sent to Dr. Stephen Rich at UMASS. Jessica Burgess added that MCDs would be collecting mosquito samples and noted that the MOU should be signed by all parties by the end of June or sooner. SRB members discussed when the MOU would go into effect and where questions could be directed. It was noted that if there were questions related to arbovirus, they should be directed to the local MCDs. Jessica Burgess commented if Board members were not sure where to direct questions, they could be sent to SRB Operations Coordinator, Alex Giannantonio to determine who best to direct the questions to. Jennifer Forman-Orth suggested utilizing the mosquito program e-mail box to address incoming questions and provided the email address (MosquitoProgram@mass.gov) in the Zoom chat.

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 10:28 am.