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

Date: September 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting:

1. Call to order and attendance:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, John Lebeaux at 1:05 p.m. SRB members in attendance included Jim Straub, John Lebeaux, and Nancy Lin. A quorum was met.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from 6/22/22. (Vote Required):

John Lebeaux entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. There were no further discussions regarding the meeting minutes from 6/22/22. A motion was made by Nancy Lin. Seconded by Jim Straub. A roll call was conducted. John Lebeaux (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Lin (aye). The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Review of the updated Massachusetts Emergency Operations Response Plan for Mosquito-Borne Illness. (Vote Required):

John Lebeaux noted that the updated Massachusetts Emergency Operations Response Plan for Mosquito-Borne Illness was previously distributed to Board members for review. Jennifer Forman-Orth provided an overview of the changes and mentioned that if there were any issues with the updated content they could be addressed during the meeting. John Lebeaux noted that the updated Response Plan was reviewed, and he did not have any further questions. Nancy Lin noted minor typos related to dates that were referenced in the Emergency Response Plan. Jennifer Forman-Orth commented the minor edits could be put in the motion so the dates could be edited as needed at a later time. Jim Straub did not have any further comments regarding his review of the Emergency Response Plan. John Lebeaux commented that the Board was in a position to vote on the response plan noting the copy edits that Nancy Lin provided. A motion was made by Jim Straub. The motion was seconded by Nancy Lin. A roll call vote was conducted to approve the Emergency Response Plan with the referenced edits. John Lebeaux (aye), Nancy Lin (aye), Jim Straub (aye). The updates to the Massachusetts Emergency Operations Response Plan for Mosquito-Borne Illness passed unanimously.

4. Review for the formal approval of Commissioners for the East Middlesex Mosquito Control District representing the towns of Everett and Lexington. (Vote Required):

John Lebeaux noted that material was distributed on September 7th relative to the documents needed to conduct a vote of Commissioners for the East Middlesex Mosquito Control District. Jessica Burgess added an overview of the routine material that was needed to conduct a vote for Commissioners within the East Middlesex Mosquito Control District. Nancy Lin made a motion. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. There were no further discussions

related to the vote. A roll call was conducted. John Lebeaux (aye), Nany Lin (aye), Jim Straub (aye).

5. Pioneer Valley town membership update regarding additional supporting documentation for Amherst conditional membership vote:

John Lebeaux noted that this was a formal approval vote for the Town of Amherst to be added as a member community within the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. It was added that this was a follow up to the previous conditional vote that was conducted for the Town Amherst during the previous SRB meeting. Hearing no other comments or questions, Nancy Lin made a motion to formalize the vote for the Town of Amherst to become a member community within the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. A roll call vote was conducted. John Lebeaux (aye), Jim Straub (aye), Nancy Lin (aye). John Lebeaux also commented that the website had been updated to reflect the Town of Leyden as a new member community within the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District and Amherst would need to be added as well.

6. Pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 594, OSD is implementing an “EV First Acquisition Policy” which requires each Secretariat and Executive Department to purchase Electric Vehicles (EVs) whenever possible. The effective date of this policy is July 1, 2022:

Alex Giannantonio provided an overview for E.O. 594 and noted that the Executive Order was focused on decarbonizing and minimizing the environmental impacts of State government, which was in support of achieving net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2050. The E.O. had an emphasis on meeting GHG emissions targets by reducing or eliminating emissions from the use of fossil fuels in vehicles and buildings. It was added that the E.O, and subsequently, the Operational Services Divisions EV first acquisition policy would have a direct impact on how state agencies purchase vehicles. Starting in FY23 and moving forward it appeared that there would be a prioritization on the strategic electrification of the fleet across all state agencies.

Alex Giannantonio provided the fiscal year targets that had been set forth in E.O. 594 for the entirety of the state fleet:

- 5% zero emission vehicles in 2025
- 20% zero emission vehicles in 2030
- 75% zero emission vehicles in 2040
- 100% zero emission vehicles in 2050

In addition, there were benchmarks to increase the total number of electric vehicle charging stations to:

- 350 in 2025
- 500 in 2030

It was added that the switch to EVs may have a positive impact on the reduction of GHG emissions, but that switch over would most certainly not be without its challenges and bumps in the road. Potential opportunities were communicated in relation to grant funding to offset the cost of both electric vehicle purchases and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Alex Giannantonio noted that a meeting was scheduled for September 20th with the Leading by Example Team (LBE) at the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) that would hopefully address some questions and provide more of a road map for how, or if, we can take advantage of grant funding opportunities. In addition, there was a meeting being hosted by the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) today to discuss the EV first policy guidance and right-sizing initiatives that appear to be on the horizon. Alex Giannantonio noted that there would be more to come on this, but he thought there would need to be cross-agency collaboration as we work through this initiative.

Nancy Lin and Jim Straub asked questions regarding Executive Order 594 which were answered by Alex Giannantonio. Priscilla Matton discussed a Bristol Commission meeting where a suggestion was made to contact local fire departments to ensure flammable pesticide material that was housed inside MCD facilities did not pose a

fire risk related to the installation of EV charging stations, as MCD trucks and pesticides needed to be secured in enclosed structures. Barry Noone asked if the EV first policy would hold up the vehicle ordering process. Alex Giannantonio recommended that Barry attend the OVM meeting that would be taking place directly after the SRB meeting to get additional information regarding his question.

7. 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 1:35 pm.