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Meeting Minutes of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB) - Emergency meeting

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Board Members in Attendance:

MDAR Designee, Taryn LaScola-Miner, Nancy Lin.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS & DISTRICTS

Berkshire County Mosquito
Control Project

Bristol County Mosquito
Control Project

Cape Cod Mosquito
Control Project

Central Massachusetts
Mosquito Control Project

East Middlesex Mosquito
Control Project

Norfolk County Mosquito
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts
Mosquito & Wetland
Management District

Pioneer Valley Mosquito
Control District

Plymouth County Mosquito
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito
Control Project

- 1. Call to Order:** Taryn LaScola-Miner called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
- 2. Discussion of DPH's "Certificate of a Public Health Hazard" and SRMCB Oversight of the Aerial Application of Pesticides (Vote Required):**

The Board considered approval to move forward with aerial application of pesticides **Action Taken:** Nancy Lin made a motion to approve the SRMCB moving forward with the aerial spraying.

Further vote to recognize that aerial spraying under the supervision of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board ("SRB") is necessary as a result of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's issuance of certification that pesticide application via aerial spraying is necessary to protect the public health from Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus ("EEEv"), signed by the Commissioner of DPH pursuant to M.G.L. c. 17, Section 2A.

Further vote to acknowledge that the certification allows MDAR to waive all exclusions from wide area applications of pesticides under 333 CMR 13.03 that are done under the authority of the SRB and Districts operating under the M.G.L. c. 252 and that this shall apply to ground and aerial applications of pesticides undertaken to address EEEv.

Further vote to authorize SRB, MDAR, Plymouth County Mosquito Control District, Bristol County Mosquito Control District, Norfolk County Mosquito Control District, Central Mass Mosquito Control District, east Middlesex Mosquito Control District and mosquito control project staff, and all contractors acting on its behalf, to proceed with all necessary activities related to this certification by DPH, including the aerial application of pesticides.

Further vote to authorize the SRB Designee to execute all necessary documents and take all necessary steps needed to authorize these activities on behalf of the SRB.

The motions were seconded by Taryn LaScola-Miner.

4. Adjournment: the Board will officially adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Lin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Taryn LaScola-Miner. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:40am.