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

251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114 9/10/2019

Board Members in Attendance:

MDAR Designee, Taryn LaScola-Miner, Nancy Lin

1. Call to Order: Taryn LaScola-Miner called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 authorize SRB, MDAR, Plymouth County Mosquito Control District, Bristol County Mosquito Control District, 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 and ground application of pesticides to address EEEv. 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 the SRB chair, or their designee to execute all necessary documents and take all necessary steps needed to authorize these activities on behalf of the SRB throughout the duration of the certification, including determining appropriate areas and methods of pesticides applications as determined in conjunction with DPH and all other appropriate individuals

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 9:13am.