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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING KERN MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT October 14, 2026 11:30 A.M.

Board President David Polm called the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Trustees Present:	**Representing:**
Larry Carroll	County of Kern
Florn Core	City of Bakersfield
Lance Elliot	County of Kern
Larry Jennings	City of Wasco
David Polm	County of Kern
Steven Ruettgers	County of Kern
Timothy Tarver	City of Arvin
Timothy Unruh	City of Shafter

Trustees Absent:

Others Present:	**Representing:**
John Krolnik	Superintendent
Brian McCasland	Mosquito Foreman
Andrea Reyes	District Secretary
La Thao	General Manager

Introduction of Visitors

Brian McCasland introduced himself as one of the District's Mosquito Foremen.

Public Comment

Brian McCasland addressed the Board about a grievance filed against management and requested the grievance process, a response to the grievance, and an opportunity to speak with the Board privately.

ACTION ITEM: Consent Calendar

a) **Minutes Dated: September 9, 2026**

b) **Expenditures – September 2026**

Mosquito Control Program:	**$ 179,027.30**
Rat Control Program:	**$ 23,773.99**
Capital Improvement Reserve:	**$ 00.00**

c) **Financial Statements – September 2026**
Mosquito Control Program
Rat Control Program
Capital Improvement Reserve

d) **Reimbursements to the Mosquito Control Fund**

The Board reviewed the September minutes, warrants for ratification and approval, and financial reports. Following discussion, the consent calendar was approved as presented.

Motion: Trustee Ruettgers *Second: Trustee Unruh* *Vote: Approved unanimously*

ACTION ITEM: Kern MVCD Policy Handbook Review – Approve and Adopt the following Amended Policies

a. **Policy Number 5040 – Rules of Order for Board Meetings**
b. **Policy Number 5050 – Board Actions and Decisions**
c. **Policy Number 5060 – Minutes of Board Meetings**
d. **Policy Number 1080 – Legislative Advocacy**
e. **Policy Number 2230 – Social Media**
f. **Policy Number 3095 – Investment of District Funds**
g. **Policy Number 3096 – Reserves**
h. **Policy Preface**

The Board approved the revised policies, including the addition of the new policies numbered 1080, 2230, 3095, and 3096. All seven policies and the Policy Preface were considered together and approved. The General Manager and Trustees thanked the Personnel and Organization Committee for their work in completing the policy handbook revisions.

After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve and adopt the policies listed.

Motion: Trustee Core *Second: Trustee Ruettgers* *Vote: Approved unanimously*

ACTION ITEM: Authorization for Staff and Trustee Attendance at the 2027 Annual Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Conference
The Board authorized staff and interested Trustees to attend the 2027 Annual MVCAC Conference.

Motion: Trustee Carroll *Second: Trustee Tarver* *Vote: Approved unanimously*

ACTION ITEM: Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Time Extension Agreement with EPICUS to Continue Construction Management Services to the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District
The General Manager informed the Board that the construction management services agreement between EPICUS and the District expired on May 31, 2026. The proposed fee schedule will remain the same, with a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of $173,440, and the time to be extended through October 31, 2027.

After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to authorize the General Manager to execute a time extension agreement with EPICUS.

Motion: Trustee Elliot *Second: Trustee Core* *Vote: Approved unanimously*

DISCUSSION: New Laboratory and Main Office Remodel Construction Update
The General Manager informed the Board that a change order with Krazan was executed to conduct two additional percolation test borings at six and seven feet. The original scope of services resulted in Type 5 soil, which is the worst, and the need for a total of 430 feet for the septic leach trench, up from the proposed 150 feet. The change order total was $2,500.

The General Manager added that the Environmental Health Department granted conditional approval for the project to proceed with construction prior to final approval of the proposed water source. However, final occupancy will be withheld until an unconditional will-serve letter from Vaughn Water Company is submitted.

Trustee Polm recused himself from the Closed Session due to his relationship with a District staff member. Staff members not required to attend the closed session left the meeting room.

CLOSED SESSION at 11:47 a.m.
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representative: General Manager
Employee organization: Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District Employees' Association

Reconvene from Closed Session at 12:17 p.m.
Trustee Tarver reported that no reportable action was taken.

Trustee Polm returned to the meeting room and resumed participation in the open session. Staff returned to the meeting room.

Public Employee Complaint – Open Session Hearing
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(2), specific complaints or charges brought against a public employee may be heard in open session if a written request is received from the public employee. The complaints received were read in open session.

Trustee Polm recused himself from the Closed Session due to his relationship with a District staff member. Staff members not required to attend the closed session left the meeting room.

CLOSED SESSION at 12:26 p.m.
Public Employee Complaint
Government Code Section 54957

Reconvene from Closed Session at 12:44 p.m.
Trustee Tarver reported that the Board gave the General Manager directions.

Trustee Polm returned to the meeting room and resumed participation in the open session. Staff returned to the meeting room.

General Manager's Report
The General Manager reported that the Public Information Officer/Assistant Superintendent retired as of October 2, 2026.

The General Manager provided updated data on mosquito and mosquito-borne virus activities.

Superintendent of Operations' Report
The Superintendent reported that 1,175 swimming pools have been treated to date. The second group of seasonal employees is scheduled for layoff on October 23, 2026.

Board Comment
Trustee Unruh thanked the Trustees for their hard work. Trustee Core commended the Public Information Officer for initiating the District's public outreach efforts.

Adjournment: 12:50 p.m.
The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. in the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District's Conference Room at 4705 Allen Road, Bakersfield, California, due to a District-recognized holiday on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

Larry Carroll – Secretary