

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VECTOR HABITAT
REMEDICATION PROGRAM AND CERTIFY THE PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW:

The County is committed to protect citizens in the San Diego region from public health threats, including mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus, encephalitis, malaria and dengue fever. Controlling the mosquitoes that transmit disease has become more challenging. Overgrown vegetation and accumulated sediment in streams, wetlands, and stormwater controls result in stagnant water that promotes mosquito breeding.

Your Board directed the Department of Environmental Health to develop a Plan to address chronic mosquito-breeding sites. Extensive stakeholder outreach, careful consideration of alternatives, and a thorough California Environmental Quality Act process have shaped the development of the Implementation Plan for the Vector Habitat Remediation Program. Today's request is to authorize implementation of the Vector Habitat Remediation Program funded by the Vector Control Benefit Assessment that the Board reviews annually, and certify the associated Program Environmental Impact Report.

This Program will offer competitive and direct grants to the private and public sector for specific projects to restore and/or modify established wetlands, flood control facilities, effluent treatment ponds, and stormwater treatment facilities. Priority will be given to projects best suited to reduce threats to public health.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in current year costs and revenue of approximately \$500,000 in the Department of Environmental Health. The funding source is revenue from the Vector Control Benefit Assessment. This request will result in no net General Fund cost and require no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

The program is funded by assessments in San Diego County and properties owned by businesses are included in the assessments.

**RECOMMENDATION:
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Certify that the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and the attached Errata, dated March 24, 2010, SCH No. 2009011067, completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State and County CEQA Guidelines, review and consider the information contained therein, and find that the Vector Habitat Remediation Program PEIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors (Attachment A).
2. Adopt the Findings Concerning Mitigation of Significant Environmental Effects pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Attachment B), adopt the Statement of Location and Custodian of Documents (Attachment D), adopt the Decision Regarding Recirculation of the Draft PEIR, pursuant to Section 15088.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Attachment E), and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment F) prepared in accordance with Public Resources Code, Section 21081.6.
3. Accept the Implementation Plan for the Vector Habitat Remediation Program (Attachment G) and authorize implementation.
4. In accordance with Section 401, et sec. of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue competitive grant solicitation(s) and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contract(s) for a term of one year with a maximum of four renewal options for eligible projects that reduce or eliminate mosquito breeding habitat, and to amend the contract(s) as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to the approval of the Director, Department of Environmental Health.
5. Authorize the Director of the Department of Environmental Health to initiate and conduct negotiations with land owners or land managers to arrange for remediation of sites identified by Vector Surveillance and Control Program staff as acute mosquito breeding habitats, and upon successful negotiation and determination of fair and reasonable price award one year grants of up to \$50,000 per site on a non-competitive basis.
6. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in the Department of Environmental Health for the Vector Control Habitat Remediation Program based on revenue from the Vector Control Benefit Assessment. **(4 VOTES)**

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Roberts, the Board took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater-Price, Roberts, Horn

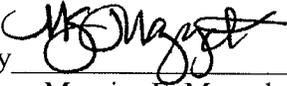
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By 
Marvice E. Mazyck, Deputy