



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**May 14, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Quintton Austin Cliff Hanna Toby Roy Kevin Sabellico Scott Snyder Mike Vizzier LaRosa Watson Laura Walsh Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner		Amy Harbert, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Steven Tamayo, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Vivian He, DEHQ Daniel Anderson, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m., with ten active EHQAB members present.

II. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A BOARD MEMBER (POSSIBLE ACTION, IF APPLICABLE)

III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE April 16, 2025, MINUTES – Board member Hanna 2nd Board member, Watson.

ALL IN FAVOR – 10-0-0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public in attendance.

V. VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND SERVICE CHARGE – ACTION ITEM

Nikos Gurfield, County Veterinarian and Saran Grewal, Chief of Operations, Community Health Division including the Vector Control Program (VCP) gave an overview of the Benefit Assessment for next FY 2025-26, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, anticipated in June.

Board members had comments and questions regarding invasive aedes mosquitos and diseases they can transmit (i.e. dengue), the process and procedures VCP staff use during disease investigations and mosquito adulticide responses, flight radius for mosquito species, public notifications, VCP work at the international border, mosquito surveillance/treatment/breeding, 3D printing, how funding for the program is assessed per parcel type, benchmarking with other agencies/districts, and the longer term viability of using reserve funding to offset needed fee increases.

ACTION ITEM: The Board voted to take action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to convey their support for the Vector Control Program Benefit Assessment and Service Charge.

VI. MOTION TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board member Conner, 2nd Board member LaRosa.

ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-1

VII. OP PLAN- INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Steven Tamayo, Deputy Director gave an overview of the Chief Administrative Officer's proposed budget for next FY 2025-26, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2025, and June 9, 2025.

Board members expressed appreciation with the comprehensive review analysis of costs, services, and benchmarking that DEHQ staff conducted in preparing the cost recovery proposal. Board members had comments and questions regarding specific program allocations, cost drivers, and general-purpose revenue, and the County's budget process.

- **County Community Meetings**
 - Community Open House in Person
 - May 22nd, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 - County Operations Center – Chambers
 - 5520 Overland Ave, San Diego
- **Virtual Community Meeting on Zoom**
 - May 28th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
 - Via Zoom
 - Zoom link: <https://sdcounty-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/84486342624>

VIII. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - Informational Item

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

Next EHQB Meeting – June 18, 2025

- Public Meeting and Administrative Notice at 5500 Overland Ave., San Diego /
There will be a brief public meeting to handle EHQB administrative actions. After the conclusion of the meeting, interested EHQB Board members are invited to participate in a private tour of the new Public Health Laboratory.

Introduction

- Laurie Walsh, Board Member, State Agencies, Seat 16

Salmonella Outbreak Response

- The DHEQ food program and the public health EPI team have been working on the investigation of a local salmonella outbreak.

Legislative Highlights and Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)

- Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Ryan Johnson
 - AB 671; Building Inspection Resubmittal

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 10:05 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Watson 2nd Board member Hanna.

ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-1

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5500 Overland Avenue

Check-in at Front Desk Counter, Suite 170

1st Floor, Beach and Bay Conference Room 123

San Diego, CA 92123