



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

**May 13, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner Cliff Hanna Toby Roy Mike Vizzier LaRosa Watson	Quinnton Austin Scott Snyder Laurie Walsh Jared Wilson	Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Vivian He, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Greg Lusitana, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Steven Tamayo, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ Joey Wyatt, DEHQ	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m., with six 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE March 18, 2026, MINUTES – Board member Hanna, 2nd Board member, Vizzier.

ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

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

Saran Grewal, Chief of Operations, Community Health Division including the Vector Control Program (VCP), gave an overview of the Benefit Assessment for next FY 2026-27, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, anticipated in June.

Board members asked questions and provided comments regarding whether VCP outreach events are posted regularly, staffing levels given the high volume of responses, and internship opportunities. Additional discussion included the use of mosquito fish in swimming pools, clarification regarding the difference between the service charge and benefit assessment and whether the County conducts cost recovery when treating private property with repeat violations. Members also asked about the

availability of online maps showing testing and treatment areas, partnerships with other agencies and external organizations, the total program budget and associated costs, rodent and tick control efforts, department response to hantavirus cases, services on military bases and tribal lands, the vector control program surveillance report, and escalating enforcement programs related to cost recovery on private property.

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.

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

Board member Conner, 2nd Board member Chowdhury.

ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

VI. REQUIRED TRAININGS FOR EHQAB MEMBERS - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Deborah Mosley, Deputy Director, reviewed the existing orientation training required for EHQAB members upon joining the Board and reminded members of the upcoming training scheduled for October. Members who have not completed the one-time training were asked to do so and coordinate with Ana Becker.

Information was also provided regarding the new Senate Bill 827 (SB 827) fiscal and financial literacy training requirement for board members, which must be completed every two years. Board members who were appointed prior to January 1, 2026, have 2 years to take the training, while those appointed members on or after January 1, 2026, have six months to do so. A training option is available for a fee on June 17 through the [SB 827 - California Counties Foundation](#); however, the County is working with the Clerk of the Board and County Counsel to identify or provide a no-cost training option, potentially during a future Board meeting session. More information will be forthcoming. SB 827 also requires Department Directors and certain administrative staff to take ethics training, however this requirement does not apply to board members and was shared as informational only.

VII. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Upcoming Board Letters**

- Cost Recovery

- The CAO withdrew the item, which will be returned to the Board on May 20 for the first hearing on the cost recovery proposal. The proposal includes an average 3% increase across all programs.

- Beach and Bay Revenue agreement board consideration on May 20, 2026

- Vector Benefit Assessment, anticipated for June 10

- Budget and Operational Plan

- May 18

- Public Meeting

- May 27 at 5:30 PM

- Virtual Community Meeting

- May 28 at 5 PM

- Community Open House at County Operations Center, 5500 Overland Ave., Chambers

- June 1 at 12 PM

- Public Budget Hearing

- June 25 at 9 AM

- Final Deliberations

Additional information will be provided in a follow-up email, including an infographic summarizing the proposal.

- **Legislative Highlights/Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs or Program Coordinators)**

The bills below were discussed by Heather Buonomo, Director of Environmental Health

- Food Water and Housing Division Programs
 - SB 58 Air Quality: Standard: Hydrogen Sulfide
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs
 - SB 1447: Health Omnibus
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs
 - SB 918: Food Facilities: Retail Food Safety
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs
 - AB 2330: Public health: Cold Spas and Cold Plunger Tubs
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs
 - AB 1153: Illegal Disposal Site Abatement
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs
 - AB 2127: Accessory Dwelling Units: Private Sewage Disposal Systems

VIII. BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION – Board members discussed the possibility of bringing back as a future agenda item SB 707 regarding request for Board of Supervisors findings to authorize teleconferencing for EHQAAB. Staff noted that it is at the Board's discretion whether to place the item on a future agenda. Board members were encouraged to provide feedback via email to Ana Becker regarding their perspective so this information could be compiled and shared with the Board at a future date. Board members would need to take action to request an action item to be included on a future meeting agenda.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 10:08 A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Hanna, 2nd Board member Vizzier.

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Next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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