



# County of San Diego

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May 13, 2026

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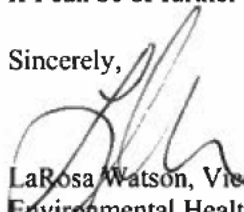
### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VECTOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND SERVICE CHARGE**

On May 13, 2026, the Environmental Health and Quality Advisory Board (EHQAB) voted unanimously to support the Department of Environmental Health and Quality's Vector Control Program proposed benefit assessment and service charge continuation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

EHQAB acknowledges and appreciates the efforts the Vector Control Program makes in their utilization of an integrated vector management approach for operational cost containment, innovation, and increased efficiencies. EHQAB values the continued services the Vector Control Program provides to protect San Diego County residents and visitors from vector-borne diseases including West Nile virus and from invasive vectors like *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. EHQAB recognizes the continued need for the Vector Control Program's preparedness efforts for elevated risks to public health from emerging vector-borne diseases such as Zika, chikungunya, and dengue. Recent local transmission of dengue in San Diego county and other areas of California serves as an example for the importance of the program's prevention and public health intervention measures against these emerging diseases. EHQAB recommends that the Vector Control Program explores an enhanced, escalating enforcement tool for cost recovery from property owners that require repeated intervention despite prior attempts to gain voluntary compliance, or that have significant repeat needs for Program services to prevent or control a vector nuisance.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

  
LaRosa Watson, Vice Chair  
Environmental Health and Quality Advisory Board

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