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Environmental Health and Quality Advisory Board

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

On May 14, 2025, 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 2025-2026.

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 values this important public and environmental health program that Vector Control staff are dedicated to implement to protect the residents and visitors of San Diego County.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at (858) 505-6794 or email scott@snydergeologic.com.

Sincerely,

Scott Snyder, Chair

Environmental Health and Quality Advisory Board

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