

# City of La Quinta

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 21, 2015

## STAFF REPORT

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**AGENDA TITLE:** APPOINT A LA QUINTA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### RECOMMENDATION

Set a policy regarding simultaneous membership on an internal board and an external board.

Appoint a La Quinta representative to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District's Board of Trustees to complete the unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Robert Cox, La Quinta's representative since January 2009 recently resigned. The current four-year term of the vacated seat expires December 31, 2016.
- Applications were received from three residents (Attachment 1).
- Council has not set a policy as to whether it will permit a resident to be a member of both an internal and external board simultaneously. Since one applicant is currently a member of an internal board, setting such a policy is timely.

**FISCAL IMPACT** – None

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 2013, the Council re-adopted the 1996 Municipal Code provision stating in part that that all members of boards and commissions of the city shall serve on only one board or commission at any given time; however, clarification regarding simultaneous memberships on internal and external boards/commissions would be beneficial.

The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District is a non-enterprise special district operating under California Health and Safety Code. It is accountable to the residents of the Coachella Valley and charged with protecting public health through the control of vectors and vector-borne diseases. The 11-member Board of Trustees is comprised of officials appointed by their respective city councils. The qualifications of Trustees is governed by State Code and requires appointees to have "experience, training, and education in fields that will assist them in the governance" of the District. The Board meets once a month and offers Trustees a \$100 stipend for every meeting attended.

A call for applications for the position vacated by Mr. Cox was published in the June edition of the GEM newspaper and on the City's website. Three applications were received from the following La Quinta residents:

- Richard N. Gray *[sitting member of the Architectural & Landscaping Review Board]*
- Mary Ann Hackney
- Douglas D. Hassett

Ballots are included as Attachment 2.

La Quinta has had a resident representative on the District's Board since 2009. Prior to that, the representative was a sitting or former Councilmember.

### ALTERNATIVES

Until an appointment is made, La Quinta is unrepresented on the District's Board so no alternative to appointing a representative is recommended. Regarding dual memberships on an internal and external board, Council may postpone, allow or prohibit the practice.

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Report approved by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager

Attachment: 1. Three Applications  
2. Ballots