

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: REAPPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS WALKER AS THE CITY'S
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO AND
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECOMMENDATION:

Reappoint Douglas Walker as the City of Palm Desert's representative to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (CVMVCD) Board of Trustees for a four-year term ending January 1, 2029.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City of Palm Desert is required to appoint a representative to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (CVMVCD) Board of Trustees for a new term beginning January 2025. Doug Walker has served as the City's representative since his initial appointment in January 2007. His current term ends on January 6, 2025.

The CVMVCD Clerk of the Board has notified the City that a new appointment or reappointment is required. Per CVMVCD bylaws, the City's representative must be in place prior to the first Monday in January for the upcoming term. The governing Health and Safety Code specifies that appointments are to be made for either two or four years.

In early November 2024, Mr. Walker informed the City Clerk's Office that he is willing to continue serving if reappointed. He also expressed his availability to address the City Council, should they wish to hear from him directly.

On November 6, 2024, City staff informed the City Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions (Mayor Pro Tem Harnik and Councilmember Kelly) of the impending vacancy. The Subcommittee reviewed the matter and recommended Mr. Walker for reappointment.

Mr. Walker has professional and academic experience in entomology and natural resources, including a Master of Science degree in Entomology from the University of California, Davis. He served for 34 years as a faculty member and administrator at College of the Desert and held a California Pest Control Advisor License for over 40 years.

The City Council may choose to reappoint Mr. Walker or consider appointing an alternate Councilmember or qualified City resident to fill this role.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office