Alameda County Health

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Director

AGENDA _____ June 30, 2026

June 8, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: ACCEPT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COUNTY SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BERKELEY, EFFECTIVE 06/30/26. THE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES DISTRICT WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING ALL VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY ON 07/01/26.

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

A. Accept the City of Berkeley's request to terminate the service area agreement between the City of Berkeley and the Alameda County Service Area VC-1984-1 (Vector Control Services District), effective 06/30/26;

B. Approve the Termination and Settlement Agreement with the City of Berkeley to dissolve the service area agreement between the City of Berkeley and the County Service Area VC- 1984-1 (Vector Control Services District) period of 7/1/24 through 6/30/27, in the amount of $1,141,796, effective 06/30/26;

C. Delegate authority to the Alameda County Health Director, or designee, to execute the Termination and Settlement Agreement with the City of Berkeley, subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel, and submit an executed agreement to the Clerk of the Board for filing; and

D. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process a direct claim payment of $367,313.07 as part of the settlement agreement involving vector control services provided for 07/01/21 – 06/30/26 at a negotiated amount.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

County Service Area VC-1984-1 (Vector Control Services District) was established by your Board and became effective July 1, 1984. In order to improve health and safety in Alameda County, the Vector Control CSA provides the following services to County residents:

- Investigation, identification, and abatement of insects, rodents, and other animal vectors, as well as conditions conducive to these vectors.

- Surveillance and investigation of reports of vector-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Plague, Hantavirus (HCPS), Leptospirosis, West Nile virus, Seoul Virus, Psittacosis, Flea-borne Typhus, and Rabies.
- Public education relating to preventive measures against vector and vector-borne diseases.
- Provide guidance to the local enforcement agencies to aid in enforcement of the local ordinances and State Laws relating to vectors and causal environmental conditions.
- Routine surveillance, inspection and suppression of rats in sewers, unhoused encampments, and along waterfronts, including their ectoparasites and the diseases they may harbor.
- Coordination with Alameda County Health's Public Health Department and other jurisdictions on vector-borne and other zoonotic diseases.
- Wildlife Management Program, which includes a Wildlife Services Specialist provided by contractual agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services.

The CSA is solely funded through benefit assessment charged to each property parcel. The CSA's current budget supports a staffing level of thirty-one (31) positions. This includes management, supervisory, field, clerical, lab personnel and vector control biologists. Additional administrative and technical support is provided by Alameda County Health's Environmental Health Department (ACEHD).

In 1984, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors established County Service Area ("CSA") VC 1984-1 to provide public health, pest, rodent control, and nuisance wildlife services ("Vector Control") to the unincorporated area of the County and certain cities within the County, including Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, and Union City.

Since the CSA establishment in 1984, City of Berkeley entered into agreements to provide the vector control services directly. Per the agreement, approved by your Board on April 29, 2025 (Item No. 14), the CSA reimbursed the City of Berkeley for the services. The agreement is effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

Currently, City of Berkeley residents pay an annual benefit assessment rate of $12.49 per parcel for vector control operations within the City of Berkeley. On June 2,2026 (item 144) your Board approved the special assessment and benefit rates for Fiscal Year 2026-27 of $12.69 per parcel, representing an increase of $0.2 per benefit unit from FY 2025-26 rate.

On April 16, 2026, the Alameda County Health's Environmental Health Department's Vector Control Services received a formal notice from the City of Berkeley to terminate the service area agreement between the City of Berkeley and the Alameda County Service Area VC-1984-1 (Vector Control Services District), effective June 30, 2026.

If the dissolution is approved by your Board, effective July 1, 2026, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services will no longer receive reimbursement funds via contractual agreement from the CSA to operate the vector control program in the City of Berkeley. The Alameda County Environmental Health Department will incorporate the City of Berkeley's vector control program into CSA VC-1984-1, as the City of Berkeley requested to no longer provide vector control services within their jurisdiction.

Furthermore, the City of Berkely has requested to waive the six-month notice of termination required under Provision 3 of the MOU.

The Vector Control Services District reviewed all invoices submitted by the City of Berkeley for FY 25-26. Based on verifiable amounts, it was determined the City of Berkeley will be reimbursed an amount of $106,608 for current fiscal year services. Additionally, negotiated settlement amount of $260,705.07 for prior years services will be paid, resulting in total payment of $367,313.07. This payment will resolve all outstanding fiscal obligations under the MOU.

In the past five years, the County Service Area VC -1984-1 (Vector Control Services District) has been providing mutual assistance and operational support to the City of Berkeley, providing services to the City of Berkeley residents, and conducting additional vector services when requested by the City of Berkeley's Environmental Health Division and the City of Berkeley's Vector Control. This includes helping to conduct case investigations and disease surveillance city-wide. Given that the CSA consistently assists the City of Berkeley Vector Control, transitioning their full operations to the District will not incur additional operational or staffing costs. Additionally, there will be no disruption of services to City of Berkeley residents after the County Service Area VC -1984-1 (Vector Control Services District) assumes operations on July 1, 2026. In the City of Berkeley's municipal code, it assigns the City Health Officer to address code enforcement issues related to vector control. The Alameda County Vector Control Services District does not perform code enforcement and will not do so on behalf of the City of Berkeley. After June 30, 2026, Alameda County Vector Control staff will assist by providing documentation and serving as witnesses in legal cases, but they will not issue citations or carry out enforcement actions.

The Berkeley City Council approved the Termination Agreement on June 8, 2026 in closed session. Accordingly, delegating authority to Alameda County Health Director, or designee, to execute the Termination and Settlement Agreement will facilitate timely execution and implementation of the agreement following the required approvals.

SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:

Not applicable

FINANCING:

The agreed upon payment amount of $367,313.07 will be paid from the vector control funding sources and recognized as expense in the current fiscal year.

Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County costs.

VISION 2036 GOAL:

Approving the termination agreement meets the 10X goal pathways of **Health for All** and **Accessible & Integrated Infrastructure** in support of our shared vision of **Safe & Livable Communities**, **Healthy Environment**, and **Prosperous & Vibrant Economy**.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
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