

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA  
REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA  
WITHIN THE SAN BENITO MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Benito (County) desires to protect the public health and welfare by providing year-round services to control mosquitoes and to test for and respond to diseases carried by mosquitoes such as Encephalitis, Dog Heartworm, and West Nile Virus (Services); and

**WHEREAS**, no such year-round mosquito and disease control services are currently provided in the City of San Juan Bautista (City); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 25842.5 *et seq.* of the Government Code stipulates that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors may provide the same services and exercise the powers of mosquito abatement districts or vector control districts formed pursuant to the Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control District Law, Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 2000) of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code within both the unincorporated and incorporated territory of the County provided that the consent of the City Council is first obtained; and

**WHEREAS**, as codified in the Health and Safety Code Section 2001 *et seq.*, the State Legislature found and declared that:

“(1) California's climate and topography support a wide diversity of biological organisms.

(2) Most of these organisms are beneficial, but some are vectors of human disease pathogens or directly cause other human diseases such as hypersensitivity, envenomization, and secondary infections.

(3) Some of these diseases, such as mosquitoborne viral encephalitis, can be fatal, especially in children and older individuals.

(4) California's connections to the wider national and international economies increase the transport of vectors and pathogens.

(5) Invasions of the United States by vectors such as the Asian tiger mosquito and by pathogens such as the West Nile virus underscore the vulnerability of humans to uncontrolled vectors and pathogens.

(b) The Legislature further finds and declares:

(1) Individual protection against the vectorborne diseases is only partially effective.

(2) Adequate protection of human health against vectorborne diseases is best achieved by organized public programs.

(3) The protection of Californians and their communities against the discomforts and economic effects of vectorborne diseases is an essential public service that is vital to public health, safety, and welfare.

(4) Since 1915, mosquito abatement and vector control districts have protected Californians and their communities against the threats of vectorborne diseases.

(c) In enacting this chapter, it is the intent of the Legislature to create and continue a broad statutory authority for a class of special districts with the power to conduct effective programs for the surveillance, prevention, abatement, and control of mosquitoes and other vectors.

(d) It is also the intent of the Legislature that mosquito abatement and vector control districts cooperate with other public agencies to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Further, the Legislature encourages local communities and local officials to adapt the powers and procedures provided by this chapter to meet the diversity of their own local circumstances and responsibilities.”

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council (Council) hereby consents to provision of mosquito and disease control Services within the City by the County of San Benito, or its agents contingent upon the following conditions:

1. A successful outcome from a property owner assessment ballot proceeding for a benefit assessment that would provide funding for the County of San Benito's mosquito and disease control services in the City.
2. There will be zero property tax revenues shifted from the City to the County as a result of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of March, 2007 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES : Hill, Dias, Edge, Pardice, Laverone

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Priscilla J. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Trish Paetz, Deputy City Clerk