

Mosquito Abatement District Board Appointment – Todd Erskine

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending Todd Erskine, a resident of District One, to be appointed to the Mosquito Abatement District. If appointed, Mr. Erskine will replace Kristin Erskine whose term has expired.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr. Erskine wife has served on the board for the last eight years. During that time he has come to understand the vital role the Mosquito Abatement District plays in ensuring the safety of Salt Lake City residents. He feels that his experience, skills and personality would easily align with this district and provide him an opportunity to serve his community.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Chris know by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2008. Thank you.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD:

There is no City residency requirement for the five-member Mosquito Abatement District; however, all members reside within City limits. Current members are LaVone Liddle Gamonal, District 6; Heidi Hadley, District 5; Blaine Linck, District 1; and Maureen Wilson, District 6.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

The Mosquito Abatement District is organized under Title 17A, Special Districts, Utah Code Annotated. In general, mosquito abatement districts have broad powers to act expediently to meet the emergency needs of rapid mosquito development and avoidance of public health and nuisance hazards. The Mosquito Abatement District may: take all necessary and proper steps for the extermination of mosquitoes, flies, crickets, grasshoppers and other insects within the district and to abate as nuisances all stagnant pools of water; enter upon property to inspect and examine same, and remove without notice, any stagnant water or other insect breeding areas; purchase supplies/materials and employ labor necessary to build, construct, repair and maintain levees, cuts, canals or channels upon any land within the district; and make contracts to indemnify or compensate any landowner for any injury or damage caused by the exercise of its powers or arising out of the use, taking, or damage of property.