

# **DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

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## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, July 11, 2018.**

### **1. Roll Call:**

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Belen Gomez, Secretary; Larry Roberts; Rosemary Hellwig, Kevin Caskey and Michael Cavanagh.  
Absent: Linda Guttierrez.  
Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager, Mir Bear-Johnson, Scientific Program Manager, Crystal Grippin, Biologist.

### **2. Public Hearing:**

A public hearing was held for the Delta Vector Control District Improved Mosquito, Vector and Disease Testing and Control Assessment. Staff provided a report about the District, the services and the assessment. No public was present so the public hearing was closed.

### **3. Resolution 18-03 Approving Engineers Report:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Rosemary Hellwig and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2018-03 as presented.

### **4. Consent Calendar:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Belen Gomez, seconded by Kevin Caskey and motion carried to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

### **5. Public Forum**

None.

### **6. Staff Report:**

The Manager reported:

- Monrovia pastures east of Venice Hill had a hatch of pasture mosquitoes. Fogged Monday evening and Tuesday morning.
- Kiwi & Citrus at Nebraska and Crawford (424/ 88) in Dinuba has significant breeding. To date no positives, treatments are ongoing and contact with land management group has been made.
- Kings River has a significant number of Ae. vexan (floodwater) mosquitoes. Treatments continue.

- St. Johns River east of Demaree and north of Pratt (Visalia) had a hatch of Anopheles last week. We fogged the neighborhood to the south and treated the algal mats in the river. Trapping continues.
- Farmersville had mosquito counts in the 500 range and intensified inspection revealed two pools that needed retreatment as well as some miscellaneous breeding secondary and tertiary to those locations. Trapping since is down significantly.
- Two quink staff members took other jobs. One has been replaced, we continue to interview prospects as applications are received.

**7. Resolution 18-04:**

The Manager presented guidelines for sUAV use and the pooled liability program through the VCJPA. Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Rosemary Hellwig and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 18-04.

**8. Surveillance Report:**

Mir Bear-Johnson, Scientific Program Manager provided current surveillance information (dead birds, mosquito collections/ testing results, state and local information and Ae. aegypti status) in the district to the Board.

**9. Public Relations:**

Crystal Grippin, Biologist presented the public relation outreach being implemented via print, web, radio and community fairs. Upcoming events were also identified.

**10. Building Project:**

The Manager reported that he will meet with Site Plan Review committee at the City of Visalia on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Following the result of the review he will seek RFQ's from a minimum of three architects including Hayashida. The Board provided Kevin Caskey and Michael Cavanagh as committee members who will review the responses in time for a recommendation to the full board in September.

**11. Research:**

Mir Bear-Johnson, discussed research opportunities with Anton Cornell, UC Davis –Kearney Field Station. The District is seeking a relationship allowing for further development of our young staff in hopes of incentive to stay and develop skills, as part of our broader retention goals for scientific personnel.

**12. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Michael W. Alburn, Recording Secretary