

DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Belen Gomez, Secretary; Kevin Caskey, Linda Gutierrez, Rosemary Hellwig, and Larry Roberts.

Absent: Michael Cavanagh

Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager, Mir-Bear Johnson, Scientific Program Manager.

2. Consent Calendar:

The Manager provided information on the following items:

33205 SacYolo/ MVCAC, Public Relations, \$198.

33264 ESRI, GIS, Subscription, \$13,245.

Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Linda Gutierrez and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Staff Report:

Walt Stutsman is still on a cane and in physical therapy – he will not be back this summer.

Mark Guardiola, broken arm. Sept 3 is his workers comp doc appt. No lifting of 5lbs or more, likely won't return.

Fogging every workday. We have started to provide more information on Facebook about equipment used, chemical used in adulticide treatments.

Fogging decisions are made daily with factors such as human cases, Virus CT level, mosquito abundance and anticipated movement putting human population at risk.

Generally, people do not understand we are fogging adult mosquitoes that transmit WNV not nuisance mosquitoes such as *A. aegypti*.

Social Media is being used to share FAQs.

Three staff down in The House Mosquito Program. Only 6 more weeks for seasonal house mosquito hiring so VC Technicians are beginning to take on sources.

Bti treatments on dairy drains are still effective. Supplemental oil treatments will be required once more corn is cut, as water in lagoons will be much lower (post-harvest irrigation) and Bti becomes less effective due to solids build up in lagoons.

Switching back to 7:30 start time on Labor Day.

Argos (2) out of service. Quad still available.

5. Building Project:

The City and Water Quality Control Board denied our request to dump water to the storm water drainage, and are requiring drainage to run to the Sanitary Sewer line.

The plans are being resubmitted and once reviewed and accepted, we will be able to publish the job and develop bid packet.

6. Coachella MVCD Site Visit:

Mir Bear-Johnson, Scientific Program Manager was sent to the district to see how Aedes aegypti are being controlled. Coachella has one of the more efficient programs in the state and we were able to glean many ideas for consideration and insertion into our program.

7. Arbovirus Report:

Mir provided a thorough report on the current WNV conditions as it relates to the State, Region and Local communities.

8. Fiscal Budget Amended:

The District carried over \$285,521 from fiscal year 2018/19. Would like to put \$23,545 into capital equipment with the remaining going into Reserve. We will purchase equipment immediately to use in the Aedes program to larvicide by truck and to do backyard treatment by backpack. This will allow us to better understand the level of control achieved with this methodology (used at Coachella MVCD) so we can budget appropriate equipment in the next fiscal year. Following discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Greg Gomez and unanimously carried to approve the amendment as presented.

9. Closed Session §54957:

Public Employee Employment – General Manager

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Michael W. Alburn, Recording Secretary