

DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Belen Gomez, Secretary; Kevin Caskey, Linda Gutierrez, Rosemary Hellwig, Michael Cavanagh and Larry Roberts.
Absent: None
Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager, Mir-Bear Johnson, Scientific Program Manager.

2. Consent Calendar:

The Manager provided information on the following items:

Board Order No. 06 – overtime for fogging.

Board Order No. 07

33332 Adapco	Vectobac	\$12,453.20
33339 Jensen & Pilregard	Power Sprayers	\$ 1,813.97

Board Order No. 08

33405 Adapco	Mist Sprayer	\$17,437.50
33409 Clark	Adulticide	\$ 7,653.69
33416 Paul Harlien	Pro Mist Blower	\$ 505.99
33421 Univar	Pyronyl	\$53,766.09

Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Belen Gomez and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Staff Report:

Foggers broke down but we were able to keep working by:

- Borrowed one from Kings MAD
- Receiving motor from Madera MVCD who gave us a lot of parts.
- Bought two on Ebay; New style units for \$350.

We are conducting trials with the new mist blower and backpack blowers.

State of California Department of Industrial Relations Labor Commissions Office notified us of a claim for one days wages that with penalties goes from \$96 to \$3,072. We believe we are exempt as a public agency. Dale Bacigalupi, District Counsel is confirming. Hearing is September 24th in Bakersfield.

Tulare County Ag Commissioner received a complaint from a Farmersville resident for not being notified about fogging operation occurring on morning of August 15th, said he breathed in the mist and could taste it days later. The District provided information to the investigator and nothing else has been said thus far.

Seasonal employees finish on 26th.

We are now shifting to adulticiding Aedes from Culex because virus is minimal and the MIR is way down.

We want to inspect/ treat backyards with larvicide and barrier treat with adulticide. Area wide the plan is to use the new mist blower to larvicide and fog with adulticide. We should be able to see a reduction and this will give us some further guidance for next season. This is aside from Mir's study.

We submitted the revised plans and documents to the City of Visalia, Sept. 10th. Staff spoke to the City of Visalia Council planning session on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

Currently advertising for VC Tech III/ Mechanic on Indeed with Nov. 1 start date.

Letter to schools was sent out regarding Aedes, and a letter to parents was sent out re WNV by the schools.

5. Aedes aegypti/ WNV/ SLE Report:

Mir Bear-Johnson provided a report on State, Region, Local level to the Trustees.

6. Non-Elective Component:

The District is required to set the dollar amount it will contribute toward retiree health premiums under CalPERS. We are in the unequal funding schedule meaning we increase funding by 5% each year until we achieve 100% of the required contribution. Our contribution in 2020 is \$118.50/ month. 85% of the required minimum employer funding of \$139/ month. We have two individuals enrolled so our bill will be \$236.30/ month toward that premium in 2020. Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Kevin Caskey and unanimously carried to approve the non-elective component as presented.

7. Reappointments:

The Manager asked Trustees Guttierrez, Hellwig and President Gomez if they wished to have a letter sent to appointing agencies for reappointment. Each responded in the affirmative.

8. Administrative Analyst Position:

The Manager presented a job description for a full-time position in the office, working along Sheri Davis, Administrative Assistant. The position will be subordinate to the Administrative Assistant. The wages will be 5% below the Administrative Assistant with 5 steps, 5% apart as well (first step 80% of top step 5). This will free Mark Dynge to do the Systems Analyst work

he is shuffling because of overwhelming call volume by the public. Following discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Michael Cavanagh and unanimously carried to approve the action and proceed with a January 2020 start date.

9. Closed Session §54957:

Public Employee Employment – General Manager

Following the closed session it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Michael Cavanagh and unanimously carried to approve a severance payment of \$30,000 to the Manager in addition to wages and benefits earned on March 31, 2020 as his formal retirement package.

10. Recruitment Services:

The Trustees heard a proposal provided by Ralph Anderson & Associates to perform a search for the General Manager position. Following discussion, it was directed by the Board President that the service was not desired. The Manager is to prepare advertising for the position to be placed in the MVCAC and AMCA job listings From November 1 – November 30. The job description will be reviewed and approved at the October meeting. Timeline to follow. All applicants are to respond to President Greg Gomez email address.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Michael W. Alburn, Recording Secretary