

# DELTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Start: 4:30 p.m.

## 1. **Roll Call:**

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

Absent: None

Staff: Dr. Mustapha Debboun, General Manager

## 2. **Public Forum:**

None

## 3. **Staff Presentations:**

Four staff members, i.e., two from the Laboratory and two from Operations briefly presented the posters they exhibited during the 2023 Annual Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California and 2023 American Mosquito Control Association Conferences.

## 4. **Consent Calendar:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Linda Guttierrez and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved to accept the consent calendar as presented.

## 5. **Manager's Report:**

Dr. Debboun provided an update on Delta Mosquito and Vector Control (DMVCD) current operations and informed the Board of Trustees that the Field Operations continued with fleet vehicle and pesticide equipment maintenance. The spare truck bed, tailgate and bumper from vehicle Truck 6 was sent to auction on Govdeals.com starting with a bid of \$270.00 and the

tailgate was sold for \$232.00 and the bed was sold for \$310.00. The District renovated the Quonset flooring by applying a colored epoxy to its floor to give it a vibrant look. Four staff members attended and presented at the 2022 American Mosquito Control Association Conference with one winning and awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> best poster certificate during the Poster Competition. The DMVCD staff also gave a local presentation to the Woodlake Rotary Club and a tour of the Laboratory and Operations to the Tulare County Public Health trainee personnel. The DMVCD website has updated photos and biographies of the full-time staff a web page was created for the District residents on what to expect during a property inspection.

**6. Rawhide Baseball Agreement:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Belen Gomez and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Community Education and Outreach calendar event agreement between DMVCD and Visalia Rawhide Baseball Team.

**7. Board of Trustees Member Comments:**

The General Manager informed the members of the Board of Trustees that the Visalia City Council appointed Dr. Lori Berger to the Visalia Trustee vacant position effective February 21, 2023 for a four term period. All Board members are looking forward to meeting and having Dr. Berger join the team starting in the April Meeting.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

Board Members briefly discussed and agreed to have Dr. Berger sign her oath of Trustee appointment to the DMVCD Board of Trustees starting in the April 2023 meeting.

**9. Closed Session 54957:**

The Board of Trustees adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 59457 to discuss the performance evaluation of the General Manager.

**10. Request of 10% Salary Increase:**

The Board of Trustees approved a 10% salary increase for the General Manager effective April 1, 2023.

**11. Adjournment:**

It was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Larry Roberts, and the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the DMVCD's Board of Trustees at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Mustapha Debboun, Recording Secretary

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