

DELTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Start: 4:36 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:**

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Linda Gutierrez, Kevin Caskey, Larry Roberts and Lori Berger

Absent: Belen Gomez and Rosemary Hellwig

Staff: Dr. Mustapha Debboun, General Manager; Mary Ellen Gomez, Administrative Assistant

2. **DMVCD Employee of the Quarter:**

The General Manager and the members of the Board of Trustees recognized and presented Lisa Salgado with the Employee of the 3rd Quarter Certificate.

3. **Public Forum:**

None.

4. **Jaribu W. Nelson, JWN CPA Introduction:**

The General Manager introduced Mr. Jaribu W. Nelson with JWN CPA to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Jaribu gave a brief synopsis of how the Audit is going and informed the Board of Trustees that he intends to complete and have a draft forwarded by the end of October or early November 2023.

5. **Consent Calendar:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Kevin Caskey, seconded by Linda Gutierrez and the members of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved to accept the consent calendar as presented.

6. Manager's Report:

Dr. Debboun provided an update on Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District (DMVCD) current field and laboratory operations. We continued conducting Ultra Low Volume (ULV) treatment in the high trap count and West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito areas along with the Wide Area Larvicide System (WALS) treatments early in the morning from 2:00 am to 5:30 am. We continued monitoring the In2Care Mosquito Traps to help in the augmentation of controlling the invasive Yellow Fever Mosquito, *Aedes aegypti* in Visalia. We fitted all full time and seasonal employees for the new uniforms for transitioning over to the new ones from UniFirst Uniform Services on November 1, 2023. We met with Enterprise Fleet Management and discussed the District's fleet and it's future procurement of electric vehicles (EV) which will be mandatory in California starting in 2024 and be fully compliant by 2030. A BVA-2 oil tanker was transported and refilled our oil tank of 6,096 gallons. We started phasing out our seasonal employees on October 6, October 13, and October 27, 2023. I

Routine mosquito surveillance continued throughout September with 51,604 mosquitoes collected across 1,353 trap nights as of September 28, 2023. Arbovirus testing for WNV, St. Louis Encephalitis Virus (SLEV), and Western Equine Encephalitis Virus (WEEV) continued in September. Laboratory staff tested 872 mosquito samples collected by September 27 with 54 tested positive for WNV, 83 for SLEV, and 16 for WNV and SLEV combined. Our laboratory staff also tested 15 mosquito samples from Tulare Mosquito Abatement District and 43 samples collected from Tulare by Vector Disease Control International. There were 19 technician and homeowner mosquito requests in September and 890 mosquitofish were distributed as of September 29, 2023.

In September, the DMVCD community education and outreach participated and attended 6 outreach events: two Visalia Farmers Markets, a presentation and a tour for Sequoia High School in Visalia, a presentation to the Health Science Academy Students at Mount Whitney High School in Visalia, and attended the Raisin Day Festival in Dinuba, and the Cutler and Dinuba Senior Centers where we provided information and answered their questions and concerns about mosquitoes.

7. Quarterly Expense/Revenue Report:

The Administrative Assistant presented the financial report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023/2024 to the Board of Trustees. Larry Roberts inquired on how many vacant Biologist positions the District has at this time. Lori Berger inquired on the Trustees stipends and Larry Roberts and the General Manager informed her that the monthly stipend is based on how many meetings they attend.

8. Holiday Policy Revision:

The General Manager presented an updated revision of the Holiday Policy for the Board of Trustees to review and approve. Upon Discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts and seconded by Linda Gutierrez and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the revised Section 3004.2 and Section 3004.7 of the Holiday policy.

9. New Uniform Contract:

Dr. Debboun presented the new uniforms and new contract with UniFirst Uniform Services at Fresno, California to the Board of Trustees and the new contract will be voted on during the upcoming November 2023 Meeting.

10. Board of Trustees Member Comments:

None.

11. Future Agenda Items:

The General Manager sought approval from the Board of Trustees to hold the November meeting on November 1, 2023, instead of November 8, 2023, due to a scheduling conflict. The Board of Trustees approved the change in the meeting date for November.

12. Adjournment:

It was moved by Kevin Caskey and seconded by Linda Guttierrez, and the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the DMVCD's Board of Trustees at 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Mustapha Debboun, Recording Secretary
