

DELTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

1. **Roll Call:**

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

Absent: Lori Berger

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

2. **Delta Mosquito & Vector Control District Safety Award:**

The General Manager and the members of the Board of Trustees recognized and presented Danny Cadena with the Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District (DMVCD) Safety Award.

3. **Public Forum:**

None.

4. **Consent Calendar:**

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

5. **Manager's Report:**

Dr. Debboun provided an update on DMVCD current field and laboratory operations. We conducted the final Ultra Low Volume (ULV) treatments in the high trap count and West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito areas and the last Drone operation of the mosquito season by the end of October. In addition, we also ended monitoring the In2Care

Mosquito Traps that we used to help in the augmentation of controlling the invasive Yellow Fever Mosquito, *Aedes aegypti* in Visalia. All the District staff members and some of the Board of Trustees members celebrated the end of the mosquito season with a BBQ and the last group of the seasonal employees left the District on October 25, 2023. In addition, all the staff members who are certified attended the Annual California Department of Public Health Certification Training and Continuing Education Units for the Southern San Joaquin Regional Districts on October 26, 2023, at the International Agri-Center in Tulare County.

Routine mosquito surveillance ended in mid-October with 15,098 mosquitoes collected across 886 trap nights as of October 13, 2023. Arbovirus testing for WNV, St. Louis Encephalitis Virus (SLEV), and Western Equine Encephalitis Virus (WEEV) continued in October. Laboratory staff tested 499 mosquito samples collected in October with 6 tested positive for WNV and 21 for SLEV. There were 9 technician and homeowner mosquitofish requests in October and 90 mosquitofish were distributed as of October 24, 2023.

In October, the DMVCD community education and outreach program participated and attended five community and education outreach events: two Visalia Farmers Markets, a Farmersville Fall Festival, a Visalia Senior Center Open House, and a College and Career Awareness Showcase at a local middle school in Visalia.

6. Holiday Policy Revision:

Following discussion, it was moved by Belen Gomez, seconded by Linda Gutierrez and the members of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved to accept the Holiday Policy Revisions.

7. Classification of Employment Policy Revision:

The General Manager presented an updated revision of the Classification of Employment Policy for the Board of Trustees to review and approve. Upon Discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig and seconded by Larry Roberts and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the revised Sections 2102.2.1; 2102.2.3.3; 2102.2.3.6 and Section 2102.4.1.1 of the Classification of Employment Policy.

8. New Uniform Contract:

Following discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Belen Gomez and the members of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the new Uniform Contract with UniFirst Uniform Services at Fresno, California.

9. Cooperative Agreement:

Following discussion, it was moved by Belen Gomez, seconded by Larry Roberts and the members of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the annual Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Public Health.

10. Board of Trustees Member Comments:

Greg Gomez, President of the DMVCD Board of Trustees mentioned he received a call from the Tulare County Grand Jury to meet with him on 20 November 2023 to discuss Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District operations. After a brief discussion amongst all the members of the Board of Trustees, Greg informed them that he will update the General Manager after the meeting.

11. Future Agenda Items:

The Board of Trustees requested to include a Closed Session Discussion on the December Agenda.

12. Adjournment:

It was moved by Larry Roberts and seconded by Kevin Caskey, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the DMVCD's Board of Trustees at 5:21 p.m.

Dr. Mustapha Debboun, Recording Secretary
