

DELTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Start: 4:31 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:**

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Linda Gutierrez, Secretary, Rosemary Hellwig, Larry Roberts, Kevin Caskey, Lori Berger, and Mike Burchett.

Absent: None

Staff: Paul Harlien, Interim Manager/Operations Program Manager; Mary Ellen Gomez, Administrative Assistant

2. **Public Forum:**

None.

3. **Consent Calendar:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Kevin Caskey and the members of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the consent calendar as presented.

4. **Manager's Report:**

Paul Harlien, Interim Manager provided an update on Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District (DMVCD) May's 2024 Operations. Notified the Board of Trustees that there are some fleet vehicles that have essentially met their lifespan as replacements parts are getting harder to get, considering purchasing Ford Maverick's to replace the aging Chevy Colorados.

Drone treatments have been performed by Bryan Ferguson at the Woodlake rock plant and the Ivanhoe sewer farm, drone treatment is the best option due to heavy vegetation.

The DMVCD Community Education and Outreach Coordinator participated in three outreach events: Lion's Breakfast Club Car Show, Senior Day at Mooney Grove Park and 1st of 6 events at the Dinuba Farmers Market.

Andrea Troupin discussed routine mosquito trapping that continued through May 2024. Traps were set throughout the District in Goshen, Traver, London, Delft Colony, Dinuba, Orosi, Seville, Kings River area, Elderwood, Woodlake, Lemon Cove, Ivanhoe, Exeter, Farmersville, and Visalia.

As of June 3, 2024, DMVCD tested 910 of the 1,008 mosquito samples collected in May. The dead bird brain samples collected for this year have all tested negative for WNV, SLEV, and WEEV. No samples were positive for a mosquito-borne disease.

There were 48 technician and homeowner mosquitofish requests in May 2024 to distribute 2,286 fish. In May 2023, there were 53 technician and homeowner mosquitofish requests to distribute 2,974 fish. Approximately 2,113 mosquitofish fry were produced by May 31, 2024.

5. Public Hearing:

The Board President opened the floor up for Arcelia Herrera and Emanuel Peterson from SCI to discuss the continuation of the District's Prop 218, i.e., Benefit Assessment. Since no members of the Public were present, the Board of Trustees President verified that no protest letters were received by the DMVCD, and then closed the Public Hearing.

6. Resolution 2024-04:

Emanuel Peterson discussed Resolution 2024-04, i.e., the Engineer's Report and levied the annual assessment. Following the discussion, it was moved by Lori Berger, seconded by Linda Gutierrez and the Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. Purchase of Ford Maverick:

Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Mike Burchett and the members of the Board of Trustees approved the outright purchase of the Ford Maverick.

8. 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget and Resolution 2024-05:

Mary Ellen Gomez, Administrative Analyst presented the Draft 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget and Resolution 2024-05 to the Board of Trustees. Following discussion, it was moved by Mike Burchett, seconded by Rosemary Hellwig to approve the documents presented.

9. Board of Trustees Member Comments:

Mike Burchett briefly discussed a resident he knows that was extremely happy with services provided on a pool inspection a technician performed.

10. Future Agenda Items:

Greg Gomez mentioned that he would like to see salaries reviewed across the board. Lori Berger mentioned reports again for different divisions during the season. Lastly, initiated by Rosemary Hellwig the Board would like to take the new General Manager to lunch once he starts with the district and have Paul Harlien in attendance.

11. Adjournment:

Greg Gomez, Board President adjourned the meeting of the DMVCD's Board of Trustees at 5:29pm.

Paul Harlien, Recording Secretary
