

# **DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

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## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, June 13, 2018.**

### **1. Roll Call:**

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager, Taylor Tushar, Scientific Program Manager, Mir Bear-Johnson, Biologist.

### **2. Approval of Consent Calendar:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Kevin Caskey and motion carried (Belen Gomez – Abstain) to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

### **3. Public Forum**

None.

### **4. Staff Report:**

The Manager reported:

Taylor Tushar will leave the District at the end of the month. Mir Bear-Johnson will promote to Scientific Program Manager effective July 1.

Significant progress has been made in the data base in both the lab reports and the operational records. Mark Dyngge, Systems Administrator has been instructed to achieve a baseline of minimums that meet the cooperative agreement and allow for surveillance reports to drive operations, but to also spend time outside of the ESRI platform learning and understanding the Google Earth/ Access relationship so we can eventually shed the \$10,000 annual costs associated with ESRI.

Spoke to the Special District's Committee about the District and the outlook for 2018 mosquito season on June 4. The Committee was very receptive. The Manager invited them to tour the facility and see how the district has developed its surveillance program through its laboratory. One juror asked if we have ever had an audit by the jury. We have not and his reply was maybe we can do something about that. The chance to be reviewed and praised by the Grand Jury would serve as another avenue to spread our message to the public.

Mosquito populations are going through fits and starts with the temperatures being so up and down. We will drop back into the 80's this weekend for what is likely the last time. We expect

the start of the WNV bell curve to begin by the third week of June and continue until the end of September.

Much work has been put into the Budget this year. Thanks to the staff for their juggling of the operation and administrative ends of the program in order to get the information to the Board.

Three staff members (Crystal Grippin, Biologist, 2 VC Tech I's) passed the State Certification test held at the District May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Herbicide treatments at dairy and waste treatment facilities are on a 14 day turn around.

A few adult mosquito hatches occurred this month. Rodriguez pastures in Yetteem drew the greatest nuisance. Bees were in the area and unable to be moved in a timely manner to allow for adult control to be initiated. The Technician will be checked on regularly to ensure satisfactory performance. The grower likes to put new water on top of old water and we know this is the practice so we will do a better job going forward.

Drone practice is ongoing. Policy will be drafted for July meeting so we can incorporate usage in aerial surveillance program.

5. **Aedes Surveillance Plan 2018:**

Taylor Tushar, Scientific Program Manager presented the arbo-virus surveillance report for the state, region and local condition.

6. **2018 – 19 Fiscal Budget:**

The Manager presented the Budget, highlighting various line items and the justification for any modifications. (See: Exhibit V). Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Larry Roberts and unanimously carried to approve the Budget as presented.

7. **Resolution 18-02:**

The Manager presented the revised Salary Schedule.

The schedule provides for a 3% COLA increases for all but VC Tech I employees. Tech 1 positions will see an increase on January 1, 2019 when the minimum wage will go to \$12.00/hour. The Manager will come back in December to update the schedule. The Budget has accommodated the salary changes across the board. The Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers US City Average. Not seasonally Adjusted. 12-month pct. change April to April published in May of each year showed a 2.59% cost of living increase. CWUR0000SA0 (Page 8 of Budget). Following discussion, it was moved by Kevin Caskey, seconded by Michael Cavanagh and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 18-02 as presented.

8. **2018 CA Mosquito-Borne Virus Surveillance & Response Plan:**

Mir Bear-Johnson, Biologist presented the Plan published by CDPH for adoption as our own. Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Larry Roberts and unanimously carried to approve the state guidelines for 2018.

9. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.