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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Belen Gomez, Secretary; Kevin Caskey, Linda Gutierrez, Rosemary Hellwig, Larry Roberts and Michael Cavanagh.
Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager; Mir Bear- Johnson, Scientific Program Manager; Jesse Erandio, Biologist.

2. Consent Calendar:

The Manager provided information on the following items:

32673 Hayashida Architects, \$5,850.

32676 Lozano Smith, \$34.

32714 Comcast, \$426.48.

32726 CM Construction, \$5,547.

Travel Mir & Jesse have committee meetings and will attend the MVCAC meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Linda Gutierrez and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Staff Report:

Interviews have been ongoing for seasonal staff using Indeed.com.

We recently completed all source reduction work along riparian waterways (Kings, St. Johns, Kaweah).

Weed treatments have been caught up after rain put the damper on our ability to have dry roadways and treatment time available. We are using contact spray applications.

The development of the software for the operational program is coming along and will be implemented at the start of the season.

The schedule for the 2019 Assessment requires having a meeting to accept the Engineers Report (May 8) and another to hold a Public Hearing (July 10). The Manager asked Trustees to mark their calendars. This will be the 10th and last Assessment as it will be retired.

Jesse Erandio, Biologist/ Pilot presented and discussed his recent poster which was presented at the AMCA meeting in Orlando. This was the only drone poster at the conference and we

are apparently the only agency flying over communities at present, so Jesse's work was a well-received presentation with many questions and interest.

The District will send out notice to all City Managers describing the use, including notification process so everything is smooth when we need to fly. This was done last year and the template is from the adult mosquito ULV treatment routine.

The District will be in front of Judge Hillman Thursday morning to request the 2019 Area Wide Inspection Warrant.

5. Surveillance 2019:

Mir provided the Board with the updated WNV and *Aedes aegypti* response plans being implemented in the coming season. The Plans are based in the California Department of Public Health's published response objectives. Delta VCD has had to increase the threshold for mosquito density when prioritizing the effort to eradicate or to educate. Our first objective remains public health and will therefore continue to emphasize WNV while giving appropriate attention to the rise of *Aedes* populations and the potential public health concern they create.

6. AMCA:

Mir discussed the recent trip to Florida for the American Mosquito Control Association's Annual Conference with three subordinate Biologists. The meetings were broad and useful for staff. Each attending district employee wrote notes which were shared in a reference folder which each has access. The Board was also prepared a document for review.

7. Building Project:

The Planning Commission approved the conditional use permit on Monday, March 11th, on a 5 – 0 vote. It has a waiting period now for 10 days to allow for public appeals.

The estimator has given a price of \$819,000 which is a markup of 12% that can be reduced after we review the constructability study and the project gets closer to bid.

The Assessment Reserve is \$398,018.

The District Reserve is \$3,828,123.

Our Budget without the assessment this year is \$2,958,991.

The last 5 years of Revenue vs Expenses (excluding assessment) is positive. This current year will be pretty much final when we are able to review and decide to go to bid.

The Manager reported that he felt we have plenty of money to kick in what the assessment reserve doesn't fund. The project timeline will put this into the next budget.

If the estimated cost of the project is acceptable to the Board we will submit for permit right after the public review period on the conditional use permit is over. In that case, we should have comments and required corrections back from the City by mid-May. CM will also be issuing out comments from the constructability review. Corrected plans will then be resubmitted to the City and the permit should be issued by the end of May or first 2 weeks of June at the latest. Out to bid by Mid-June, coinciding with the Budget presentation and a notice to proceed by Mid-July.

It was the Managers recommendation to proceed with the project through the bid with updates monthly. Following discussion, it was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by

Michael Cavanagh and unanimously carried to approve the continuation of process as recommended by the Manager.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michael W. Alburn, Recording Secretary