

# **DELTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, September 8, 2021

## **1. Roll Call:**

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

Absent: Michael Cavanagh

Staff: Dr. Mustapha Debboun, General Manager; Mir Bear-Johnson, Assistant Manager and Sheri Davis, Administrative Assistant

## **2. Employee Introduction:**

The General Manager introduced Mr. Bryan Ruiz, Vector Control Technician III who the Trustees gave a warm welcome and thanked him for his service to the Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District (DMVCD).

## **3. Oxitec Presentation:**

The General Manager introduced Mr. Grey Frandsen, CEO of Oxitec Ltd., and Dr. Rajeev Vaidyanathan, Director of U.S. Programs for Oxitec. Mr. Frandsen gave a presentation on Oxitec's Friendly *Aedes aegypti* innovative suppression Sterile Insect Technology and discussed the potential of DMVCD collaborating and partnering with a future Oxitec field trial in 2022 in Visalia, CA.

## **4. Consent Calendar:**

Board of Trustees President Gomez asked if there were any questions regarding the consent calendar, and none were provided. A motion was made by Belen Gomez, seconded by Kevin Caskey, and the Board members unanimously approved the consent calendar as presented.

**5. Public Forum:**

None.

**6. Staff Report:**

The General Manager (GM) reported that routine mosquito surveillance and control continued throughout August by DMVCD personnel and 594 mosquito samples were tested with 120 positive for West Nile virus (WNV). The DMVCD had one confirmed and one probable human case of WNV reported by the local public health department in August. The GM also discussed the vehicle accident that one of our seasonal employees was in. Although the vehicle, i.e., Truck-2 was totaled, thankfully, the driver was not seriously injured.

**7. Surveillance Report:**

The Assistant Manager reported on the status of West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis virus activity in humans, birds, and mosquitoes in the District and the state at the current date and compared it to this time last year.

**8. Enterprise Fleet Management (EFM):**

The General Manager requested approval to lease four Chevrolet Colorado trucks from EFM for delivery in March 2022. The expense will be covered by the *Aedes aegypti* Benefit Assessment funds.

Following discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Linda Guttierrez, and the Board members unanimously approved the lease of four Chevrolet Colorado pickups.

**9. Vehicle Replacement:**

The General Manager requested approval to purchase a truck from Merced Chevrolet in the amount of \$36,226.16 to replace truck T2 that was totaled in an accident. Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) will reimburse the District less \$1,000.00 deductible.

Following discussion, it was moved by Belen Gomez, seconded by Larry Roberts, and the Board members unanimously approved the purchase of the new truck.

**10. Non-Elective Component:**

The Administrative Assistant explained that the minimum employer contribution rate is adjusted annually prior to CalPERS open enrollment for health insurance. The District is required to set the dollar amount it will contribute toward retiree health premiums under CalPERS. We are on an unequal funding schedule, meaning we increase funding by 5% each year until we achieve 100% of the required contribution. Our retiree contribution in 2022 will be \$141.55/ month, which is 95% of the required minimum employer funding of \$149.00/ month.

It was moved by Larry Roberts, seconded by Belen Gomez, and the Board members unanimously voted to approve the non-elective component as presented.

**11. Reappointments:**

The General Manager asked the Trustees who were up for reappointment to contact the Administrative Assistant if they are interested in serving another term.

**12. Closed Session Case Review/Planning:**

Adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 of Division 3.6 of Title I.

**13. Adjournment:**

It was moved by Kevin Caskey, seconded by Larry Roberts, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the DMVCD's Board of Trustees at 6:10 p.m.

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Dr. Mustapha Debboun, Recording Secretary