**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**447th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**42624 6TH STREET EAST, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93535 (661) 942-2917**

**APRIL 20, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: John Manning, David Gantenbein, Elvie Ancheta, Tierney Smith-Woods and Cado Dhinsa.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: None.

**STAFF PRESENT**: Leann Verdick and Carolyn Etherton (consultant)

**OPENING**: Vice President Gantenbein called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: limit to 3 minutes:

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, and are not otherwise posted on the agenda. No members of the public were present.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Minutes. Trustee Smith-Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $88,893.00:**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve EFT’s and Warrants. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1739 FOR A TOTAL OF $100,000:**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Requisition. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 14-440; NORTHWEST CORNER OF AVENUE L AND 50TH STREET WEST, LANCASTER**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Tax Sharing Resolution. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 20-103; 7,200 PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, BETWEEN ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD AND AVENUE S, PALMDALE**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Tax Sharing Resolution. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03 TO CONTINUE REMOTE TELECONFERENCE:**

Trustee Smith-Woods moved to approve the Resolution. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT:**

Firstly,Leann sat down with all of the employees to get a plan set for the upcoming season. All came to the agreement that public areas (basins, ditches, parks, etc.) will take priority and the overall maintenance of private property will be left to the resident/owner. We will still search the area around houses and respond to pool concerns, we unfortunately don’t have the manpower to search their backyards when sources are unknown, which is why we are putting emphasis on the community to do their part in abatement. To help with this, Karen created an informational sheet on what to look out for on your property and what they can do to deter breeding in their area. This will be handed out by Brenna and Tannan at the booths (many events are coming up, the Poppy Festival is one of those). For the Service Requests that only state a problem with mosquitoes are now receiving goodie bags (this contains pencils, pens, district brochure, information sheet, repellent wipes, etc.) as a little reminder of what they can do while simultaneously letting them know we have responded to their concern. With only 3 technicians in the field, we have had to stop all Aedes programs, as their habitat usually is in spots that are hard to find and typically in homes and porch areas, and thus extremely time consuming; because our Aedes population has yet to test positive for any of the known diseases they are able to carry, our concern will be directed to Culex, since they are the carriers of West Nile Virus, which we test positive in both mosquitoes and humans every year. Currently we are not running our Curb and Gutter program, we will only address them on a case to case bases. Secondly, the discussion of a JPA with all three stakeholders is constantly coming up and our attorney still believes it is unnecessary. Leann has spoken with the county representative, he requested a Five Year Budget Plan. Once we’ve had feedback we will set up another meeting and push for having our attorney’s take part in the discussion, just to have the legal input on the pros and cons of both routes (JPA vs. MOU). Our attorney has already expressed his willingness to join the next meeting with the cities and county to listen and voice his opinion on the matter. Whether this is or isn’t a hardline with any or all parties, it would benefit all participants to have a full legal understanding of what may occur. Leann has also been in communication with SCI Consulting, they believe it is unnecessary as we are a very small district and they’ve seen how we run our district and believe it is not mismanaged, simply underfunded which is the reason we need more funding. Thirdly, Leann has spoken with SCI Consulting about our standing debt, we changed the payment schedule, we will be sending them $50,000 in May; the goal is to settle by December 31st, so no debt is carried over into the New Year. We will have further discussions in July, when the fiscal has closed and we are more aware of where we stand financially. Since SCI Consulting has agreed to this, it gives us more wiggle room on how quickly we need additional funding; the sooner the better, but it is not as dire as it was initially. Luckily, it appears that we will be receiving possibly $50,000 more in revenue via ad valorum; this will help us greatly as the year progresses and we start settling more and more of the debt. Hopefully this will be a running theme, but only time will tell as there is no true way of seeing why we are receiving more (back taxes, more properties, etc.). Lastly, Leann and Brenna will be attending the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County quarterly luncheon meeting on May 18th at 11:30 at Palmdale Water District, where Brenna will be giving a presentation on our district and its operations. The board is welcome to join if they so desire.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25, 2023 AT 4:00 PM.**

Board agreed to have the meeting on ZOOM unless reason to meet in person arises.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Gantenbein adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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Elvie Ancheta John Manning

Board Secretary Board President