

ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

414th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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AUGUST 27, 2020

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES
MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: . Elvie Ancheta, David Gantenbein, John Manning, Dennis Persons and Tierney Smith-Woods arrived at 4:10 p.m.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Cei Kratz, Karen Mellor, Kevan Stout, Brenna Bates-Grubb, Leann Verdick and Carolyn Etherton (consultant)

OPENING: President Persons called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 JULY 25, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF EFT'S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$152,680.99: Trustee Manning moved to approve EFT's and Warrants. Trustee Gantenbein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1706 FOR A TOTAL OF \$150,000: Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the requisition. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS FROM LA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT:

**ANNEXATION NO. 14-432 ONE SINGLE FAMILY HOME
45TH ST W & AVE K-12**

**ANNEXATION NO. 14-433 OFFICE BLDG
40TH ST E & AVE L**

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

ENTOMOLOGIST REPORT: Karen Mellor provided the board with a map of WNV year to date activity in CA, including human case counts, horses, birds, mosquito samples and sentinel chickens.

The board was also provided a graph of WNV positive and Aedes mosquitoes in the Antelope Valley as of 8/20/20.

President Persons inquired about the GMO mosquito project in Florida. Karen has been following the project and explained the process.

FIELD SUPERVISOR REPORT: Kevan Stout reported on the following:

- The heatwave has affected several vehicles resulting in repairs.
- We have completed the swimming pool process for the most part and are putting more focus on storm drains, underground channels and parks. We are working with both cities through mainly email and submitting pictures (an app is used in Lancaster – Inform Lancaster).
- Trustee Smith-Woods inquired about the water standing in City Park/behind Costco. We have been in contact with the city regarding the over watering issue. We continue to check and treat as needed.
- Trustee Ancheta suggested our technicians wear face shields in addition to masks particularly when they are checking underground channels that tend to have a high homeless population.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST REPORT: Brenna Bates-Grubb reported on the following:

- Working with the Kiwanis Club on an ad shoot that will be broadcast during their annual duck race. The virtual duck race will be held on September 18th. Will provide the board via email all the specifics if they would like to attend.
- Continuing to do virtual interviews on Café Con Leche radio station and phone interviews with the AV Press.
- Received a lot of feedback from press releases and monthly newsletters that have been going out – including correspondence from Mayor of Palmdale and Dewey Pest Control.
- Working with Zaxis, a local media company who will be helping us with advertising, marketing, creating videos and digital media. This process has taken the place of actual physical outreach halted due to COVID – we now have the time and budget to focus on digital outreach.
- Working on contacting teachers with e-learning presentation ideas.

DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

- Manager Kratz reported on the status of the pool violation letter process that we have been working on since the beginning of July. We have sent out all letters to residents with suspicious swimming pools including final notices. In a final attempt to contact those residents, technicians posted an additional final notice on their door. The final step will be contacting Code Enforcement in each city and providing them with a list of those residents not complying. This letter process proved to be successful and more efficient than having technicians going door to door initially - as we had done in the past.
- We have been taking extra care with the technicians in the field due to high temperatures and smoke from surrounding fires.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 4:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS: Trustee Gantenbein requested an action item be placed on the next board meeting agenda for a vote on physically attending board meetings in lieu of holding them virtually via ZOOM. Trustee Ancheta will not be in attendance at the September board meeting.

ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Persons adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Dennis Persons
Board President

David Gantenbein
Board Secretary