**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**424th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**AUGUST 26, 2021**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: John Manning, Elvie Ancheta, David Gantenbein and Steve Hofbauer.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: Tierney Smith-Woods.

**STAFF PRESENT**: Leann Verdick

**OPENING**: President Manning 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 AUGUST 26, 2021 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 $135,160.37:**  Trustee Hofbauer moved to approve EFT’s and Warrants. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This amount was notably higher due to the new fiscal year and Liability Insurance and Worker’s Compensation having to be paid.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1718 FOR A TOTAL OF $100,000:**  Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the requisition. Trustee Gantenbein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

There were a few topics that were spoken about, they are as follows.Firstly, pool notices/letters have started to conclude, we have the remainder of 137 to be posted as Final Notices. Secondly, Kevan has been working with Lancaster and Palmdale Public Works at getting locations around the Antelope Valley cleared and cleaned up, a big location is a basin located by the Veterans home, the cleared vegetation has allowed us to finally survey and treat the semi-permanent water. Another location that is in the works is Pep Boys in Palmdale, there is a homeless encampment and the collecting water and debris is creating an ideal breeding source but until cleaned up with the help of the city there is only so much we can do treatment-wise. Thirdly, seasonals are still hard to find and keep, we have started the process of hiring one and two current seasonal technicians have given notice. While searching for new technicians Kevan and Zach have taken to the fields and Demian has expanded his route to help counteract the lack of technicians. Fourthly, Aedes are spreading on the east side of Palmdale and the breeding sources, while still able to mimic the more traditional Culex breeding sites (basins, gutters, ditches, etc.), are typically harder to spot as they prefer to stay even closer to blood sources and that means inside homes and backyard equipment and fixtures. In order to help with the inability to see the concealed/obstructed, we send out postcards and post notices on doors informing the affected area of what to look out for and what to report/inform us about. Luckily there are no mosquito borne viruses detecting in the A.V. as of yet this season. Fifthly, Brenna has started ads with A.V. Transit Authority, eventually when the space allows they will throw an ad in as a PSA. Palmdale’s digital billboards will start displaying our ads sporadically and will pick up to a more aggressive pace come January 2022. There are a few more PSA opportunities coming up (radio ads), along with getting the support of A.V. Scanner and A.V. News social media pages as they will be forwarding our posts and articles. The radio ads will become a paid thing in the Spring/Summer of 2022 and with that the volume at which the ads will be played will, justifiably, increase. Lastly, Leann will be participating in a 4-part webinar that focuses on labor laws and HR practices. She also had a Zoom Meeting with John Bliss, President of CSI Consulting, to discuss the possibility of his firm helping with the Prop 218 Election. He feels positive that it will be successful due to the times we are in and the public being hyperaware of public safety and viruses. When speaking about the cost it became apparent that the most expensive part would be the ballots. All present Trustees agree to have John Bliss attend the September Board meeting to present CSI’s strategies before moving forward with the company.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 AT 4:00 VIA ZOOM**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** Leann’s evaluation will take place in Octobers

Board Meeting as agreed by all Trustees in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Manning adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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John Manning Elvie Ancheta

Board President Board Secretary