**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**465thMEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**42624 6TH STREET EAST, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93535**

**(661) 942-2917**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: Elvie Ancheta, David Gantenbein, and Cei Kratz. Tierney Smith-Wood arrived at 4:20

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: Cado Dhinsa

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

**OPENING**: President Gantenbein called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked Leann Verdick to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 JANUARY 23, 2025 MEETING MINUTES.**

Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the Minutes. Trustee Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $108,142.80.**

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

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1761 FOR A TOTAL OF $ 100,000.00**

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1762 FOR A TOTAL OF $ 120,000.00**

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1763 FOR A TOTAL OF $ 230,000.00**

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

**APPROVAL OF TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATIONS DISTRICT NO. 14:**

**- 461; 163 PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES; LOCATED OFF OF WEST AVENUE I, OPEN LOT ACROSS FROM 42ND STREET WEST**

**- 464; ONE PROPOSED GAS STATION, AND ONE PROPOSED DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT; LOCATED ON WEST AVENUE O AND 10TH STREET WEST**

Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the Resolutions. Trustee Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ANNUAL LEVY COLLECTION COSTS FROM CONSULTANT ENGINEER, BRYAN MILLER. *\* NO CHANGE IN SCOPE OR PRICE.***

The board was provided the quote to provide levy services for FY 2025-26, which is the same rate as last year. Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Annual Levy Collection Cost. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES (BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICTS)**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Mutual Assistance Agreement for Mosquito and Vector Control Services. Trustee Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT**

Firstly, CSDA is currently working on the new Executive Order Governor Newsom signed regarding the delayed property tax payments of zip codes affected by the fire. At first glance it would seem that this wouldn’t affect us, but upon closer inspection Leann found that two of our zip codes were listed (93535 and 93536). Seeing as how these areas were not affected by fire she reached out to our representative at CSDA to make them aware of this and they will be meeting with their lobbyists today (day of board meeting) and going over the details they’ve accumulated for this order. Secondly, Leann Verdick has decided to hire Zach as the replacement for Karen, as he has a lot of the knowledge that the new position will require. Karen has been meeting with him in the morning to go over things that he will be taking over from her position. Since his current position is now open, Brenna has posted the field technician position on multiple sites and as the resumes/applications come in Tannan has been giving them to Kevan to review; many have already applied. When the new technician is hired, Kevan and Zach will train them before Zach swings over and focuses on his new position. Thirdly, Trustee Cado Dhinsa has been meeting with Palmdale regarding the possibility of a free sponsorship spot so we do not have to pay as much to set up booths at their events, especially since we are only there to pass out information and not to accrue more business (as this is not even a possibility). He has been there twice and the Palmdale Rep continues to tell him the same thing she tells Brenna, that she will try to see what else she can throw into the package we pay for but that the city has to meet a certain budget requirement and a free sponsorship would be near impossible. After he was able to meet with Palmdale, Leann was notified by Palmdale that his Trustee position term is up and that unlike previous board members he does not get to automatically renew and they must post the position. Trustee Cado Dhinsa has reapplied as he is very much interested in the position still. The L.A. County and Lancaster continue to renew the board members if they are still interested in the position; this is what is best as it takes a lot of time for every new board member to learn the material and district that they now represent. Fourthly, there has been no movement in the lawsuit since the last update; we are still hoping for mediation and for it to not go to court. Fifthly, Brenna was able to speak with Lancaster and has made pretty great headway with one of the city managers, Ramon Galo. In previous years we’ve tried to do their farmers market but have always had to discontinue the pursuit as they required us to be there every week, which is not ideal nor possible; but Mr. Galo has said that we could choose the days that work for our schedule and take part in the market. She was able to also get in and give a presentation to their supervisors and maintenance crew, they liked it so much that they want her to come back and gave a presentation to the rest of their staff. Brenna has also been able to speak with the VP and General Manager at Lamar advertisement and they will be able to squeeze a few PSA’s into their rotation, possibly even more spots from June to August. Lastly, we have sold one of the four available vehicles. Trustee Ancheta was able to inform Tannan about a company called GovDeals, and she has a meeting with them to set up an account. Once that is set up we will be able to list the available vehicles and start the bidding process for the remaining vehicles.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27, 2025 AT 4:00 PM,**

 **AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** Trustee Gantenbein announced that he will be unable to attend the March board meeting.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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Cado Dhinsa David Gantenbein

Board Secretary Board President