

DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Belen Gomez, Secretary; Kevin Caskey, Linda Gutierrez, Michael Cavanagh, and Larry Roberts.
Absent: Rosemary Hellwig
Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager.

2. Consent Calendar:

The Manager provided information on the following items:

32870 Lozano Smith, \$857.50, Inspection Warrant/ Court Appearance.

32872 DMV, \$700, Electronic advertising in waiting area of Visalia office.

Following discussion, it was moved by Belen Gomez, seconded by Kevin Caskey and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Staff Report:

The District put out a small fire concerning disinformation on the internet about WNV being in the water of the reservoirs. I was on vacation, but Mir and I worked through email on the press release bullet points to stick to as an opportunity to reach a large audience for no cost:

- WNV is not present in the bird (reservoir) or mosquito populations its normal enzootic cycle.
- WNV is endemic to the area and will arrive when temperatures rise.
- Ample rainwater is available in backyards; tires, buckets, wheel barrels, etc. to provide breeding locations.
- Surveillance is ongoing and the public will be made aware when WNV is present in birds/ mosquitoes.
- Use repellent and contact the district if they have any mosquito concern.

We provided the Mayor's office with a press release including a Spanish translation.

The District initiated testing earlier than we had planned for collections in the Dinuba area. The Mayor was very appreciative of the District's fast response and preparation.

Weed treatments are down to a 14-day turn around for contact spray. Since we didn't have a good pre-emergent year because of rain and roadway issues, our treatments should stay on this pace to eliminate harborage on the margins of the lagoons in dairy and waste treatment facilities.

We are finding *Ae. aegypti* but none have been above the 10-mosquito threshold established for vicinity canvassing.

Walt Stutsman had successful surgery 4/29. He is recovering with an appointment May 13th. He is on a scooter to get around. Hopes he can get a walking boot when he sees the doctor. No information on his return is available at this time except to say he is a dream patient and has high praise for the AIMS staff handling his case for the WC coverage. Walt wants to return.

Ryan Toney injured his right shoulder April 26 climbing over a gate. He declined medical treatment that day. On May 1, he requested to be seen by a doctor and was put off work for a week initially. Today, Ryan had an appointment with the industrial physician and we are told that he is off another two weeks before either physical therapy begins or an MRI is done. Darin Dula, Foreman, has been in the zone with Paul Harlien filling in the shop from his zone on an as needed basis.

Mark Nakata and Jesse Erandio went to a class at consolidated MAD to learn Bottle Bio Assay procedures to be used in resistance testing of our treatments in the field.

Mir and Crystal went to Sunrise Rotary in Dinuba, May 7. Lab staff was at Earth Day in Visalia, Eggstravaganza, a Senior Center event in Visalia, and a kids' science event in Woodlake.

Aerial photos were taken last week and we are currently reviewing for green pools. This year using ArcGIS and handheld phones we can locate a green pool, spot it in the GIS program and the staff immediately has the source to inspect. This is a HUGE time saver.

All systems of irrigation water are running in the District.

5. SCI Resolution 19-01:

The Manager presented Resolution 19-01 ordering Assessments for 2019-20, approving the Engineers Report, and, providing notice of newspaper publications 10 days prior to the Public Hearing July 10, 2019. Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Larry Roberts and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 19-01.

6. Board Travel Calendar:

The Board President, Greg Gomez said he would like to attend the MVCAC annual meeting. No other attendance will take place this year by the trustees.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Michael W. Alburn, Recording Secretary