

**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**435<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**MAY 26, 2022**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** David Gantenbein and Steve Hofbauer. John Manning arrived at 4:23 p.m. and Tierney Smith-Woods arrived at 4:25

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Elvie Ancheta

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

**OPENING:** Vice President Gantenbein called the meeting to order at 4:27 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 APRIL 25, 2022 AND MAY 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**APPROVAL OF APRIL EFT'S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$78,820.83:**

Trustee Smith-Woods moved to approve EFT's and Warrants. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1727 FOR A TOTAL OF \$100,000:**

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

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

Firstly, ballots are out and we are getting a lot of phone calls, mostly positive, asking for clarification on whether the listed amount is in addition to what they are already paying and if it is monthly or annually. We have had Spanish speakers call but Tannan is usually able to help them and in the case they need a Spanish speaker we direct their call to SCI as they have Spanish speakers on staff to help. So far we have had two community members reach out via e-mail asking for the ZOOM invite for the Public Hearing taking place on July 5<sup>th</sup>, this will include the call to end the ballot period. Secondly, once there is a call to end the

ballot period we go into the tabulation period. SCI has been working with Leann on how this should go about and they have listed two options that AVMVCD can take: The first, we hire a local CPA firm, this can be around \$6,000 to do; there are four local CPA's and we have only been able to contact one (Burkey Cox) who is unable to do it due to the time frame. The second, our staff along with 2 SCI employees count the ballots ourselves. Thirdly, while this is all happening Karen, Brenna and Leann have been working on reaching out to those listed on the heavy hitter list, through letters, emails, and calls. Fourthly, five technicians have returned to work for/with us on May 17th, no training aside from a refresher was required and they were able to work the field the following day. Two new technicians are expected to start in the next couple of weeks, Kevan will be going out into the field to train them. This comes to a total of seven technicians which we have not had for a couple of years, this will free up Demian allowing him to focus on pools and his many other duties including storm drains. All technicians have been given an FAQ sheet to give to those who approach them about the ballot. Fifthly, Kevan has been working on the vehicles and spray equipment, all are in good repair and ready for use. He has noted that luckily he has been able to always get what he needs for repairs although everything has gone up in price exponentially. Sixthly, traps have gone back into normal rotation, none of the mosquito counts have been alarming and have steadily decreased since the seasonals returned. We have found Aedes mosquitoes in a trap around Avenue R and 20<sup>th</sup> St East, the following week Zach found another trap in the area that contained Aedes. He will put door hangers in surrounding neighborhoods and Brenna will send postcards to residents within a mile radius. Unfortunately these types of mosquitoes are drawn to sources normally outside of technician and public eye, making us reliant on the community reporting any mosquito activity. We did receive a Service Request in the area which Zach will be working on tomorrow, so hopefully this will produce a potential breeding source for the Aedes. Lastly, the Aerial Flyover is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> and afterwards the pool letter process will commence, this usually takes about 3 weeks before they are officially printed and sent out to the residents.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23, 2022 AT 4:00 PM VIA ZOOM:**

Special Meeting scheduled for July 5, 2022 at 4:00PM; Public Hearing and a Call to Close the Balloting Period.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Manning adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

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John Manning  
Board President

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Elvie Ancheta  
Board Secretary