**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**461st MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

**(661) 942-2917**

**JULY 25, 2024**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: David Gantenbein, Elvie Ancheta, Cado Dhinsa, Tierney Smith-Woods and Cei Kratz.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: None.

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

**OPENING**: President Gantenbein 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.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINAL AUDIT REPORT FROM ANTHONY BRUNEAU, BRUNEAU & COMPANY CPA**

Action Item postponed for next meeting due to scheduling issue.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF JUNE EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $84,213.89**

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

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1754 FOR A TOTAL OF $100,000.00**

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 WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40:**

**- 163; BUILDING/USE NOT SPECIFIED; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF WEST AVENUE D AND SIERRA HIGHWAY**

**-164; BUILDING/USE NOT SPECIFIED; LOCATED BETWEEN WEST AVENUE G AND AVENUE G-8, WEST OF THE 14 FREEWAY**

**-167; BUILDING/USE NOT SPECIFIED; LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 35TH STREET EAST AND NUGENT STREET, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 30TH STREET EAST AND NUGENT STREET**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Tax Sharing Resolution. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *\*Line items 8 & 9 were combined and voted on unanimously.*

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

**-450; TWO PROPOSED WAREHOUSES; LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DIVISION STREET AND AVENUE L-8**

**-452; ONE EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOME; LOCATED ON THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF 50TH STREET WEST AND WEST AVENUE M-8**

**-453; ONE PROPOSED WAREHOUSE; LOCATED BETWEEN WEST AVENUE G AND AVENUE G-8, WEST OF THE 14 FREEWAY**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the Tax Sharing Resolution. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *\*Line items 8 & 9 were combined and voted on unanimously.*

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT**

Firstly, Leann Verdick verified that everyone received the reports and breakdown that Karen Mellor sent of all the products the district uses, information on drone usage in California and its usefulness for our district, as well as information on heartworm. Secondly, Karen has been working with AVC for the last few months and has recently started meeting with roughly 7 students, and their professors, who are working on a project revolving around Aedes mosquitoes. She is meeting with them once a week for about an hour for training and preparing them for in field work. We are hoping that they will be able to start within the next month or so; we are hopeful that one of these students will stand out and be a potential candidate to replace Karen when she retires in May 2025. Leann will be switching up the responsibilities of this position as many are not relevant to how the district is run today; this will greatly help with the budget and potentially allow raises to be more feasible to those who earned it as well as help broaden the search for her replacement. Thirdly, with the heat wave still persisting, the technicians have been advised to take more breaks and to stay hydrated, if needed they are welcome to end the day if they feel they cannot continue due to temperature. There have been a few times that we have called the day for them and had them come in early. On the note of field work, mosquito breeding has been easily managed in the public areas. There have been a few problem areas but overall the technicians have found success in their treatments when they do find breeding. Brenna was able to speak to the city’s street sweeping department about the neighborhood with bad gutters (due to trees being too low to pass under in the truck), they unfortunately stated that they are low on man power and do not have enough people to go and correct the issue. We are hoping to speak with the city and set up a time for Brenna to give presentations to their departments to strengthen our dual interest in bettering the community and bring to light that their already implemented jobs can and do impact the efficacy of our districts efforts. Fourthly, the budget is on track so far this season. Leann is hoping to start moving more to savings in the following fiscal years in order to build up more of our emergency fund and to prepare for the next Proposition 218; the funds from the two sold jeeps will be moved to this. The Greater LA district has yet to pick up said jeeps that were bought; until they can do so the jeeps will remain on our insurance, aside from that, holding them does not affect us. The remaining jeep has been inquired about via one of our past seasonal technicians, there has been no movement aside from voicing their interest. During the winter months, Kevan plans on getting the unused trucks up and running, getting them ready to sell all but two. These two will be held for backup vehicles for the technicians as well as any potential new hire that may need it. Trustee Ancheta did inquire about the new law that will require electrical vehicle purchases, we are hoping that CSDA will be successful in their endeavors to have special districts exempt from this law, as special districts are direly underfunded. Lastly, the gate repair will be taking place soon, Kevan has reached out to them to set a time, and we are simply waiting for them to let us know what will work for their schedule. This will conclude the projects that we were postponing for the new fiscal year. The other two being the tree trimming and the side lot being mowed. Tree trimming went as accordingly. The side lot mowing did reveal a lot of trash that needs picked up, but aside from that, it looks much better. Trash pickup will begin once the weather permits.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22, 2024 AT 4:00 PM**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Gantenbein adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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Tierney Smith-Woods David Gantenbein

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