

FRESNO WESTSIDE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
2555 N Street - FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, 93622

MINUTES: Board Meeting ----- November 14, 2019
Headquarters ----- Firebaugh, California

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Capuchino, Felker, Ram, Fickett, Fontana, Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Conlin Reis, Dist. Manager; Chance Rowan, Superintendent of
Operations

President Fontana called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

* President Fontana called for review of the General Consent items. Following discussion and review, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the general consent items, as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Felker

* A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to add consideration of a new plane purchase to the agenda. Action on this item needs to be taken as soon as possible to ensure adequate time to obtain a new aircraft before the next mosquito season.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Williams

* The Board discussed the purchase of a new aircraft due to rising maintenance costs. It was the consensus of the Board that the district should investigate the feasibility of a new aircraft purchase and obtain information on potential aircrafts for purchase as well as the expected value for the current plane.

The Manager provided an overview of mosquito and WNV activity in the region and state.

The Superintendent of Operations provided a summary of the 2019 season. He praised the crew for their enhanced inspections for *Aedes aegypti* which helped to keep the population mostly contained.

The Manager provided a brief report on meetings he had attended over the past month on behalf of the District.

The Manager informed the Board of upcoming meetings and let them know which meetings he and the staff plan to attend on behalf of the District.

* The Board discussed the new policy:2105: District Vehicle Usage, presented at the last board meeting After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the policy as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Fickett SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

* The Board considered the 2020 board meeting schedule. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the schedule subject to moving the

February meeting from Thursday to Friday of the same week to avoid conflicting with the International Ag Expo.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Williams

* A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize the Manager to sign the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Public Health

MOTION: Trustee Ram. SECOND: Trustee Fickett

* The Board discussed out of state travel for employees for the 2020 year. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve travel for the Superintendent of Operations to Oregon for the AMCA meeting.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

The Trustees were asked to report on mosquito conditions and public opinions in their respective areas. Trustee Capuchino reported activity in the Catholic Church in Mendota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on December 12, 2019.

Chairman

Secretary