

DELANO MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Art Armendariz called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. in the District Board Room.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Trustees Present – Armendariz, Cano, Nunez, Perales, Alexander (11:32 a.m.)

Others Present – Thai Thao, Manager; Sergio Vega, Assistant Manager; Kristen Baker, Office Administrator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Nunez.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Trustee Armendariz opened the floor to public communication. There were no public comments at the district and no comments submitted on Zoom.

PRESENTATION

Trustee Armendariz opened the floor to Presentations. There were no Presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Armendariz proceeded to request approval of the district bills for the months of October and November, as well as minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held on October 16, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Perales and a 5 – 0 roll call vote: Alexander Aye, Cano Aye, Perales Aye, Nunez Aye, Armendariz Aye; carried to approve the district bills in the amount of \$120,976.64 for October, \$112,611.47 for November, and the Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting of October 16, 2025.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Under Item VII-A-i Manager Report, the District Manager, Thai Thao, reported:

The District's Cooperative Agreement has been renewed with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as of October 21st. The District's annual pesticide use permit is scheduled to be renewed on December 8th with the Kern County Department of Agriculture.

District staff attended a live continuing education training on November 5th at the Tulare Agriculture Center. The training comprised of talks about mosquito control on naval bases, controlling raccoons, biting midges and Oropouche virus, fire ant biology and bed bugs.

As of November 13th, Tuff Shed's permit specialist updated and mentioned the city has outsourced the permit review and additional corrections were sent in after the initial review. The outsourced engineering department has started reviewing the revised plans.

The District's Legal Counsel team has reviewed and finalized a contract for the metal storage building. Manager Thao will be meeting with and going over some questions and details with the team on December 3rd. Once that is finalized, the contract will be sent over to WWCI for their review and approval.

An attorney from Lozano Smith will be providing the biennial AB 1825 Harassment training for Board members and staff during the Board meeting on January 15, 2026.

Manager Thao has been nominated and accepted the Southern San Joaquin Valley Region (SSJVR) Regional Representative position.

Staff participated in a CSDA webinar on November 4th regarding accommodating mental health disabilities.

Upcoming meetings include the MVCAC planning meeting scheduled for December 2nd – 4th in Visalia at the Visalia Marriot Convention Center.

Laboratory and Surveillance per Scientific Program Director, Javier Valdivias:

Routine mosquito surveillance continued through the months of mid-October and mid-November. 4,164 mosquitoes were collected across 39 trap sets. The district-wide average during this period was 106.77 mosquitoes per trap night; an increase of 41% compared to last year's average of 75.71 mosquitoes per trap night. This increase is most likely due to the oversampling in an area of high mosquito abundance, as well as the unusually warm weather experienced from October to mid-November. To date, 429 mosquito samples have been tested for arboviruses, of which 85 were positive for WNV. So far in 2025, there have been 2 WNV/SLEV/WEEV human cases reported to the District by the local public health department. Mosquitoes, there were 0 mosquito samples collected from October 10th to November 20th.

Under Item VII-A-ii Operation Report, the Assistant Manager, Sergio Vega, reported on:

Concentrate remaining full-time technicians on persistent, high-productivity sources typical of late fall (catch basins that hold water, neglected ornamental ponds, unmaintained stock tanks, tarp depressions, yard clutter, retention ponds, and sewage treatment plants.) Higher than prior Novembers; complaints reflected real mosquito pressure rather than nuisance-only. Common sources found were containers (buckets, totes, tires), clogged yard drains, tarp pools, neglected fountains/ponds, backyard trenching. Response within 1 business day, high-risk requests prioritized, door-to-door education, and follow-up 7-10 days reinspection for properties with multiple sources. Flagged high activity basins added to winter watch list; monitor-only cadence until sustained warming or significant rain event. Pool Inspection Program yielded 95% success. Success was driven by persistent re-contacts for hard-to-reach properties, weekend treatments to meet residents' schedules, coordinated public relations messaging via in person, social media and PR pamphlets, the remainders roll to the winter watch with owner contact plans.

Winter Chemical Inventory Finalized (Shed Transition): Ran stock levels intentionally low to minimize relocation during demolition of old sheds and commissioning of the new shed. A move plan has been staged including secondary containment and ventilation checks for the new shed.

Shop Inventory and Housekeeping (Maintenance Readiness): Created a restock list aligned to annual vehicle/equipment service, cleared surplus, labeled bins and shelves, updated the shop map for faster picks. Logged photos/coordinates of problematic sumps in VeeMAC and opened service tickets with responsible entities for damaged/locked gates, trash/brush and encampment proximity. Additional VeeMac work included merging duplicates, adding new sources from November inspections, cleaned layers for 2026 routing. Delano and McFarland Christmas Parades will be attended showcasing the District's new vehicle wrap so the community can easily recognize the District's presence. Training & Safety included late-season source recognition, cool-weather PPE, safe ladder & confined-space awareness at basins and sumps. Review of product labels under lower temps. Monthly safety meetings included near-miss review, safety training on slips, trips and falls.

Under Item VII-A-iii Financial Report, the Office Administrator, Kristen Baker, updated the Board with monthly Financial Reports comparing October and November's current numbers with the same period last year, and gave totals of all financial accounts. 7 Dental and 6 Vision Claims for October and November were reported. Petty Cash detail was given; balance and activity with 2 uses in October. California CLASS income earned on deposit was reported. The Board was also given an update regarding the Kern County Auditor Controller's office continued work on processing property tax disbursements in their new system. A letter from the Kern County office was given to the Board showing announcement of month closing schedule for July through November. For November reporting, the Office Administrator let the Board know there was a "final" report for July given and the District received revenues. The balance is off and the county was contacted, in which the County contact let the Office Administrator know she sees the amount and it has to do with journals that were done for the July tax apportionment, and will speak with her supervisor as she believes it looks like there could be an error. The Office Administrator reached out for follow-up after the holiday and is still pending response. Balance given for County total is amount at closing of July minus warrant requests in the months following. The Office Administrator also let the Board know that the District will need to obtain signatures on the payables and the warrant request for the County to complete payables for December; Trustee Armendariz and Trustee Perales asked for reminders as signing is set for December 18th.

Under Item VII-A-iv Biennial Board Officer Nomination, the Board was asked to consider nominees for the biennial Board Officer reorganization at the January 2026 Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Under item VIII of Old Business, Trustee Armendariz opened the floor to Old Business. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Under item IX-A of New Business, the Board was asked to review and approve the Manager to sign and return the consent form approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors for approval of sale for tax defaulted properties. A motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Cano and a 5 – 0 roll call vote: Alexander Aye, Perales Aye, Cano Aye, Nunez Aye, Armendariz Aye; carried to approve the Manager to sign and return the Consent of Sale for Kern County Tax-Defaulted properties.

CORRESPONDENCE

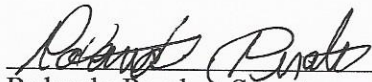
Under item X of Correspondence, the Board was provided a letter received from the District's Legal Counsel, Mary F. Lerner with Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law, to review.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Under item XI Board Member Reports, Trustee Armendariz asked if there were any reports or announcements from members of the Board. Trustee Nunez asked about the amount of interest earned to date with California CLASS. Trustee Nunez also inquired about the surplus shed the District will have after the new shed arrives in which it was said given it is surplus, the District should offer it to one of the employees. Trustee Alexander suggested the employee that takes the shed be responsible for relocating it from the District site.

ADJOURNMENT

Under item XII Adjournment, the date for the Board Meeting was noted – January 15, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the District Office. Motion was made by Trustee Cano, seconded by Trustee Nunez and a 5 – 0 roll call vote: Alexander Aye, Perales Aye, Nunez Aye, Cano Aye, Armendariz Aye; carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.



Rolando Perales, Secretary of the Board