

DELANO MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 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

Trustees Absent – Alexander

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. A presentation was given by Assistant Manager, Sergio Vega, on District Public Relations status update and showed a Mosquito Short Reel entered into the AMCA short real contest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Armendariz proceeded to request approval of the district bills for the month of August, as well as minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held on August 21, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Perales and a 4 – 0 – 2 roll call vote: Cano Aye, Perales Aye, Nunez Aye, Armendariz Aye, Alexander Absent; carried to approve the District bills in the amount of \$196,264.42, and the Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting of August 21, 2025.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

An award letter for Design-Build of District Metal Storage Building was sent out to WWCI. Firms that were not selected were sent letters of regret. CalPERS Audit closing response was finalized, reviewed by legal counsel and sent. The California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference was in Monterey on August 25th – 28th. District staff Sergio, Kristen, and Jay attended beneficial workshops, refresher courses, and vendor exhibits in areas of governance, legal trends, capital improvements, and human resources. The District Manager has been working with Tuff Shed's Permit Specialist on permit documents for the shed and those were submitted to the City of Delano for review. District Manager attended a meeting with CalPERS regarding their investment returns. The District Manager reported on second round of aerial swimming pool photos being taken the week of August 25th. Operational Staff have begun conducting swimming pool inspections. The Districts fiscal year 2024 -2025 audit is underway. Office Administrator, Kristen, provided Albert & Associates with the required documents for the audit. The last day of the season is set for October 17, 2025. The District will have a staff appreciation lunch on the last day at El Puesto in Delano.

Laboratory and Surveillance per Scientific Program Director, Javier Valdivias:

Routine mosquito surveillance continued through the months of mid-August and mid-September. 7,589 mosquitoes were collected across 64 trap sets. The district-wide average during this period was 118.578 mosquitoes per trap night; an increase of 68.7% compared to last year's average of 70.267 mosquitoes per trap night. To date, 363 mosquito samples have been tested for arboviruses, of which 68 were positive for WNV. So far in 2025, there have been 0 WNV/SLEV/WEEV human cases reported to the District by the local public health department. There were 63 mosquito samples collected from August 11th to September 11th, 2025.

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

Monthly Routine Operations are effective by the Technicians. Field treatments and multiple source reduction efforts are showing reduction in mosquito population; this is by working directly with landowners and improving property management practices. All District-wide parks were visited, inspected and treated as needed. Sites treated earlier in the season with residual products were revisited and inspected for efficacy. Locations include Delano Cemetery, Paramount Cold Storage/Halos Retention Pond, and multiple rural agricultural sites. Cogen Plant Inspections identified multiple mosquito breeding sites. Treatments were initiated immediately. Monthly mechanical issues were addressed in the yard and field; this included repair of electrical components, vehicle maintenance, and spray equipment repairs. Rural and Urban Mosquito fish stocking operations were carried out successfully. The District responded to multiple resident service requests in which on-site inspections and necessary treatments were completed. Fogging operations were successfully completed. The need for fogging was identified as our Season shifted and farmers moved into harvest. Communication with Hyllo, the District Drone provider, has given us operational guidance on the system the District is purchasing. Hyllo is assisting the District in navigating the process for licensing and documentation; this represents a step forward in modernizing operations and improving efficiency in large-area treatments. Monthly catch basin treatment cycle was completed; adjustments have been made to treatment schedules and resources to ensure that all new infrastructure is included in District operations. The District participated in the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) contest, "A Day in the Life of a Mosquito Control Professional" and achieved a win for the West Coast Title.

Under Item VII-A-iii Financial Report, the Office Administrator, Kristen Baker, reported:

- a) Monthly Financial Report was given comparing current numbers with the same period last year, and gave totals of all financial accounts.
- b) Dental and Vision Claims for the month were reported.
- c) Petty Cash detail was given; balance and activity.
- d) California CLASS income earned on deposit was reported.
- e) The Office Administrator also updated the Board regarding the Kern County Auditor Controller's office working through processing property tax disbursements in their new system. Email from the County was given to the Board.

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 District Manager provided an update on Staff and Board biennial required Ethics and Harassment training; the Board discussed and provided direction of training preference.

Under item IX-B of New Business, the District Manager asked to consider authorizing District Manager to negotiate, sign and manage agreement and any necessary documents needed to carry project to completion with WWCI with Design-Build Services. After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Cano and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Perales Aye, Cano Aye, Nunez Aye, Armendariz Aye, Alexander Absent; carried to approve District Manager to negotiate, sign and manage required documents with WWCI for Design-Build services.

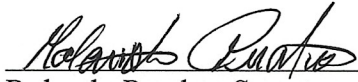
Under item IX-C of New Business, the Board was asked to discuss and approve the District to provide employees with a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) from recommended provider and authorize the District Manager to sign any documents required to start plan. Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Cano and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Perales Aye, Cano Aye, Nunez Aye, Perales Aye, Alexander Absent; carried to authorize the Manager to authorize the District Manager to sign any documents required to start the FSA plan.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Under item X Board Member Reports, Trustee Armendariz asked if there were any reports or announcements from members of the Board. Trustee Cano thanked staff for their good work. Trustee Nunez asked staff about status of the vehicle wraps.

ADJOURNMENT

Under item XI Adjournment, the date for the Regular Board Meeting was noted – October 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the District Office. Motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Perales and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Cano Aye, Perales Aye, Nunez Aye, Armendariz Aye, Alexander Absent; carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.



Rolando Perales, Secretary of the Board