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OPEN SESSION  Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call of Trustees:  Elvie Ancheta, Dana Coleman, John Manning, Dennis Persons

2. Public Comment – limit to 3 minutes

3. Approval of September 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes

4. Approval of EFT’s and Warrants for a total of $73,484.35

5. Approval of Requisition No. 1653 for a total of $75,000

6. Public Outreach Update from County Public Health Department

7. Continuation of Discussion Regarding Regular Attendance of County Public Health Department at AVMVCD Monthly Board Meetings

8. Presentation of District Managers Attendance at City of Lancaster Council Meeting

9. Approval of Providing Monetary Incentive for Neighbors to Report Dirty Swimming Pools

10. District Entomologist Monthly Report

11. District Manager Monthly Report including Legislative Report

12. Next Board Meeting is Scheduled for November 24, 2015 at 4PM at the District Office

13. Board of Trustees Comments

14. Adjournment
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Elvie Ancheta, Dana Coleman, Dennis Persons

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Manning arrived at 4:08 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Cei Kratz, Karen Mellor, Carolyn Etherton (consultant)

OPENING: President Persons called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and asked Trustee Ancheta to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 one from the public was present.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 MEETING MINUTES:
Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the meeting minutes. Trustee Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EFT’S AND WARRANTS: Trustee Coleman to approve EFT’s and Warrants for a total of $73,484.35. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1653 FOR A TOTAL OF $75,000: Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the requisition. Trustee Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TRUSTEE LATE ARRIVAL: John Manning arrived at 4:08 p.m.
PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE FROM COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT:
No one from public health was present.

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION REGARDING REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT AVMVCD MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: President Persons reiterated his opinion expressed at the last board meeting, that he feels it is only necessary for the Public Health Department to report to our board on a quarterly basis instead of monthly. After more discussion on the subject, the board came to a consensus that Manager Kratz would draft a letter to Dr. Frank Alvarez requesting their presence at the district board meetings on a quarterly basis. In addition they are welcome any time to report new issues that arise they feel require immediate notice. Manager Kratz will have President Persons review and sign the letter.

PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT MANAGERS ATTENDANCE AT CITY OF LANCASTER COUNCIL MEETING: Manager Kratz was requested to attend the Lancaster City Council meeting on October 13th and give a short presentation about the district and ongoing operations. Trustee Ancheta attended the board meeting and the other board members watched the presentation after the fact via a link on the city website. Trustee Manning suggested the board watch the presentation again, as a whole, so he could make a few comments.
In response to comments/questions from R. Rex Parris to Manager Kratz regarding HEPA laws and WNV reported cases, Trustee Manning inquired who exactly is notified at medical facilities regarding information about WNV infections, specifically the hospitals in Lancaster and Palmdale and medical groups: Kaiser, High Desert Medical, Sierra Medical, etc. Manager Kratz stated she will contact Frank Alvarez and report back.

APPROVAL OF PROVIDING MONETARY INCENTIVE FOR NEIGHBORS TO REPORT DIRTY SWIMMING POOLS: This incentive was suggested by R. Rex Parris during the council meeting presentation and he asked Manager Kratz to introduce this idea to the board. After discussion of pros and cons, the opinion of the board was that this action is not in the districts purview and would be a county or city ordinance. Trustee Coleman moved to not approve this monetary incentive. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Manager Kratz will draft a letter to R. Rex Parris stating the boards decision and have President Persons review and sign.

DISTRICT ENTOMOLOGIST MONTHLY REPORT: Karen Mellor provided the following information:
- The two most recent mosquito pools that were sent in for testing came back negative.
- Graph of WNV activity in California counties year to date
- LA County Epidemiology Report from LA County Public Health with WNV activity as of 10/22/15. They have also started to report cases by city. The graph also shows WNV took a drastic downturn as of 10/3/15.
DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE REPORT:  
Manager Kratz had nothing further to report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2015 AT 4:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE. Trustee Coleman will be absent.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS: Trustee Coleman and Manning voiced they felt Manager Kratz did an excellent job at the City Council meeting and also commended Karen Mellor on the press release articles. President Persons stated he is aware that Dr. David Gantenbein was appointed to this board at the October 2015 LA County Board of Supervisors Meeting. Manager Kratz stated the district has not yet been notified of the appointment.

ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Persons adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  

Dennis Persons  
Board President

Approved: