

DELANO MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Mario Nunez, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. in the District Board Room.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Trustees Present – Armendariz, Nunez, Perales, Cano (joined remotely at 11:32 a.m. from 1744 S Pearl St, Fresno, CA 93721)

Others Present – Thai Thao, Manager; Sergio Vega, Assistant Manager; Sara Perez, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Nunez.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

PRESENTATION

Trustee Nunez opened the floor to Presentations. Sara Perez was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant for the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Nunez proceeded to request approval of the district bills and payroll for the month of March, and minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held on March 19, 2026. A motion was made by Trustee Armendariz, seconded by Trustee Perales and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Cano Aye, Perales Aye; Armendariz Aye, Nunez Aye, Alexander Absent, carried to approve the district bills in the amount of \$123,518.20 and the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting of March 19, 2026.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Under Item VII-A-i Manager Report, Manager Thao reviewed his submitted report with the Board, highlighting the hiring of Sara Perez, Administrative Assistant, as well as the promotion of Christopher Allison to Lead Mosquito Technician. Manager Thao also informed the board of a letter submitted to the California Air Resource Board, receipt of bids for a cooling unit for the Tuff shed, completion of annual inspection of shop lift. Additionally, Manager Thao reported the receipt of a generous donation of seven Samsung tablets from the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District. Manager Thao concluded by noting upcoming meetings and training with California Special District Association, Kern Public health, Tulare public health, Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California and the Southern San Joquin Valley region Mosquito Districts.

Manager Thao reported on the Scientific Program Director Valdivias' report, highlighting the laboratory inventory assessment, service request traps, participation in a Culicoides identification workshop, and coordination with Dr. Derry of KMVCD to evaluate potential new products. The Manager also noted that zero cases of WNV, SLEV, or WEEV have been reported to the District by local public health departments.

Under Item VII-A-iii Operation Report, Assistant Manager Vega presented his written report highlighting high volume of early-season service requests, treatments of schools and park drains, fulltime staff SDS training and development of new training materials, completion of spray equipment calibrations and droplet testing, facility improvements and pesticide inventory assessment. Assistant Manager Vega also reported on professional development and representation at the AMCA conference and CSDA legislative days.

Under Item VII-A-iiii Financial Report, Administrative Assistant, Sara Perez updated the Board with monthly Financial Reports comparing March's current numbers with the same period last year and gave totals of all financial accounts. Two dental and zero vision claim for March were reported. Petty Cash detail was given with zero activity. All reconciliations through March 2026 have now been completed as revenue reports from the County have been updated and received.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Under item IX-A of New Business, Manager Thao asked the board to review and approve the addition and removal of designated signers on the Districts bank account. The following will now be authorized signers: Mario Nunez, Jr., President of the Board, Ricardo Cano, Vice-President of the Board, and Sara Perez, Administrative Assistant. The following will now be removed signers: Kristen Baker and Donald Marshall. It was discussed that this will no-longer need to be brought to board and is an administrative decision. A motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Cano and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Perales Aye, Armendariz Aye, Cano Aye, Nunez Aye, Alexander Absent, carried to approve the addition and removal of designated signers on the Districts bank account.

Under item IX-B of New Business, the Board was asked to review and approve amendments made to District Policy #2110 Health and Welfare Benefits. The District provides health, wellness, and retirement benefits to full time employees. Manager Thao asked this amendment to be formally record benefit for full time staff. Trustee Nunez stated he would like any past documentation of benefit information to be presented prior to approval. A motion was made by Trustee Nunez, seconded by Trustee Cano and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Perales Aye, Armendariz Aye, Cano Aye, Nunez Aye, Alexander Absent, carried to table the item until the next Board meeting.

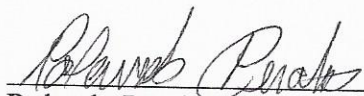
Under item IX-C of New Business, the Board was asked to review and discuss Preliminary Budget. Preliminary budget documentation was prepared by Manager Thao and Assistant Manager Vega. The Board was asked to consider, discuss and provide direction as appropriate regarding Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget. Trustee Nunez would like a two-year budget cycle, a salary survey from other districts regarding their given benefits such as health package, life insurance policy, as well as CalPERS.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Under item XI Board Member Reports, Trustee Nunez asked if there were any reports or announcements from members of the Board. Trustee Cano reported he attended California Special Districts Association Legislative Day Conference which he met with Senator Hartado and a possible \$300k was discussed for updates to the District's laboratory. Trustee Nunez reported he attended the American Mosquito Control Association Conference in Portland, Oregon, where he gained insight into budgeting/financial management as well as strategic planning. Trustee Nunez requested for staff and Board to consider a Strategic plan for the District and to consider removing all petty cash in favor of a cashless system.

ADJOURNMENT

Under item XII Adjournment, the date for the Board Meeting was noted – May 21, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the District Office. A motion was made by Trustee Perales, seconded by Trustee Armendariz and a 4 – 0 – 1 roll call vote: Cano Aye, Armendariz Aye, Cano Aye, Nunez Aye; Alexander Absent; carried to adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.



Rolando Perales, Secretary of the Board