

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Bill Harris at 4:30 P.M., Thursday, February 10, 2022.

PRESENT: Board President Harris, Trustees Schmidl, Ghag, Link and Kirchner

ABSENT: Board Secretary Sanbrook and Trustee Guzman

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier and General Foreman Hunt

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2022
- B. BILLS FOR JANUARY 2022

A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Ghag approving the consent agenda. The motion was approved with Schmidl, Link, Kirchner and Ghag voting to approve. President Harris abstained.

DECLARATION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY AS SURPLUS: BOARD APPROVAL IS NEEDED TO DECLARE DISTRICT PROPERTY AS SURPLUS SO IT CAN BE SOLD AT AUCTION: Items to be sold include a Polaris UTV side x side, hose reels, pick-up toolboxes, and other miscellaneous items. The next BidCal auction will be held in April. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Kirchner declaring aforementioned District property as surplus. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MANAGER COMMENTS:

- We have received eight applications for the Vector Ecologist position. Four applicants are local and one is in L.A. We will be interviewing four of the eight applicants.
- The VCJPA Annual Workshop will be held February 17-18, 2022 via Zoom. Topics include review of Liability, Worker's Comp, Risk Management, broad U.S. claims overview, auto physical damage and investments. Manager Abshier, Administrative Manager Valencia and Administrative Assistant Farrell will be attending. The workshop will be held virtually at no cost to the District.
- The VCJPA Member Contingency Fund balance as of December 31, 2021 is \$364,466.
- Staff is preparing the annual NPDES WOTUS report, due February 28, 2022.
- Staff continues performing annual maintenance on vehicles, ATVs, foggers, sprayers and District grounds.
- Control efforts last fall were directed towards mosquitoes migrating to orchard areas to overwinter. The focus was to reduce mosquito complaints in late winter when it is difficult to effectively control overwintering *Anopheles* mosquitoes, due to unfavorable weather conditions and the life habits of the mosquitoes. We performed truck fog routes in orchard areas and aircraft missions over orchard areas to reduce mosquito numbers in search of overwintering locations. It appears the additional spraying in the fall was effective, but time will tell. We are receiving very few calls for overwintering mosquitoes which come out when warmer winter temperatures occur.

- Bid proposal documents are being prepared for the asphalt restoration project. Proposals should be ready for the Board next month. The budgeted amount for the project is \$125,000. Abshier requested legal opinion from District Counsel, Bordsen on the competitive bidding process. Bordsen advised the District does not have a formal competitive bidding obligation; however it needs to have a written bidding policy in place.
- Vagrancy issues have been increasing at the 925 Market Street property. We have dealt with cut fencing, damage to a door and routinely find trash, needles and human feces. Staff has begun daily inspections of the facility. The vagrancy issues have been reported to YCPD, they are performing enhanced activity in the area. We are concerned these issues could affect the continued leasing of the facility by Sharpe Software. Their current lease ends June 30th, 2022.
- A virtual MVCAC meeting was attended to consider a group of mosquito control districts utilizing an aerial photography company called Near Map, for surveillance of green pools. We would have little control as to when the pool flight would occur. This service is probably not a viable option for our program, as we annually plan our flight near the Memorial Day holiday. The amount charged by Near Map is determined according to a District's annual budget. Our current contractor charges much less and offers flexibility as to when the pool surveillance flight would be performed.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Link to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. President Harris adjourned the meeting.

John Sanbrook, Board Secretary