

## **FEBRUARY 11, 2021 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 11, 2021.

**PRESENT:** Board Secretary Sanbrook, Trustees Guzman and Kirchner

**BY TELEPHONE:** Board President Harris, Trustees Schmidl and Ghag

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Manager Abshier and General Foreman Hunt

**EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:** None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2021
- B. BILLS FOR JANUARY 2021

A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Ghag approving the consent agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**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 three pickups, auto shop equipment, 2 ATVs, and other miscellaneous items. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Guzman declaring aforementioned District property as surplus. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **MANAGER COMMENTS:**

- Abshier reported the December 31, 2021 VCJPA Member Contingency Fund balance is not currently available. The balance will be available for the March Board Meeting.
- As of February 19, 2021, we have received two applications for the Vector Ecologist position. One applicant is from Florida and one from Paso Robles California. Entomologist Blosser reached out to CalSuv to have the position posted at the PacVec website and at the UC Davis Medical Entomology Department in hopes of finding qualified local applicants.
- We have received eleven applications for the vacant Mosquito Tech I position. We would like to have the Tech I position filled by April 1<sup>st</sup>; the position has been vacant since November 2020.
- The Yuba County Board of Supervisors has received an application for the District's Trustee vacancy in Yuba County. The applicant is John Link, a neighbor of Yuba County District 4 Supervisor, Gary Bradford. Abshier stated he will be sending Mr. Link an MVCAC Trustee document package. Additionally, Abshier will offer to meet with Mr. Link and give a tour of the District facility.
- Staff attended the 2021 MVCAC Annual Conference held virtually February 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Abshier stated the MVCAC did a fantastic job meeting the challenges of a virtual conference. The cost savings of the virtual conference made it much more affordable, all field staff was able to attend. Written reports by District staff will be submitted next month.
- The VCJPA Annual Workshop will be held February 25-26, 2021. Topics include human resources, accounting and insurance. 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 \$200,000 check for the District's Defined Benefit Plan has been sent to Meyers Investment Group. The breakdown of investment percentages are, 15% to Partners Group, 25% to Pimco Bonds and 60% to Suncoast Equities.
- We took delivery of three new pickups; they are being fitted with tool boxes, foggers and lighting.
- We are planning to replace the carpeting in the main office. We will be using carpet tiles which can be replaced individually as needed. The project will be performed by staff and may be completed by the March meeting.
- Staff is preparing the annual NPDES WOTUS report, due February 28, 2021.
- Staff continues performing annual maintenance on vehicles, ATVs, foggers, and sprayers.
- 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, time will tell. We are receiving very few calls for overwintering mosquitoes which come out when the warmer temperatures occur.
- CalSurv is reportedly to be out of funding by mid-March. The service is essential for tracking our pesticide usage data and preparing required pesticide use reports for the state. State funding was a one-time occurrence. The MVCAC may fund the program for a couple of months, with the individual Districts being asked to fund moving forward. Calsurv is a bargain compared to other data management services. One funding option would be for the MVCAC to stop funding the WNV Dead Bird Hotline at \$45,000 per year and shift the funding to Calsurv.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None

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

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John Sanbrook, Board Secretary