

OCTOBER 14, 2021 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Harris at 4:30 P.M., Thursday, October 14, 2021.

PRESENT: President Harris, Secretary Sanbrook, Trustees Schmidl, Ghag, Kirchner and Link

ABSENT: Trustee Guzman

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier, General Foreman Hunt and Ken Meyers of Meyers Investment Group

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of September 09, 2021
- B. Bills for September 2021

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

905 MARKET STREET PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT: The District's lease with Jeff T. Helm Inc. ends on October 31, 2021. Previously the Board consensus was to lease the property for at least one year. Abshier suggested a three year lease with descending rate increases and an option to opt out yearly. Abshier noted currently the rate is 19 cents per square foot, a very reasonable rate for an unfinished bare bones warehouse space. The Board proposed a three year lease, with a 75 dollar increase now and 50 dollar increases for years two and three, with an option for the tenant to opt out at the end of year one or year two. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Schmidl approving the proposed three year lease with Jeff T. Helm Inc. at the first year rate of \$1,575.00 per month, second year at \$1,625 and the third year at \$1,675, and including a tenant annual opt out clause. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: We received four bids for janitorial services, Affordable Reliable Janitorial at \$850, Shelton's Janitorial at \$1,075, Valco Janitorial at \$1,384 and our current provider, Santa Ana Cleaning at \$649 per month. We are happy with the service Santa Ana provides. They are the lowest bid with a 10% increase over the previous contract. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Kirchner approving a three year contract with Santa Ana Cleaning to provide janitorial services at \$649 per month. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 4-WHEEL DRIVE, 1 TON CAB AND CHASSIS AND A ½ TON 2WD CREW CAB PICKUP: A new one ton Cab and Chassis and a new Crew Cab were included in the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Bids have been received from three dealers. The bids received are Hoblit Ford, at \$47,733.34 for the One Ton and \$35,975.28 for the Crew Cab, Downtown Ford at \$42,030.91 for the One Ton and \$30,766.16 for the Crew Cab and Geweke Ford at \$43,339.11 for the One Ton and \$30,992.20 for the Crew Cab. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Ghag approving the Downtown Ford bids of \$42,030.91 for the One Ton and \$30,776.16 for the Crew Cab for a total of \$72,797.07 for both units. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 10-14-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUTTER-YUBA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

OF MARCH 4, 2020 MADE BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 14, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2021. In order to continue meeting remotely, the District would need to approve a Proclamation of a Local Emergency pursuant to the Brown Act. The Board would need to pass the Proclamation at each Board meeting and when necessary, hold a special meeting to approve the Proclamation. The Proclamation is good for 30 days. Resolution 10-14-21 failed due to lack of a motion.

QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021: Ken Meyers, of Meyers Investment Group noted the District's portfolio is up 11.7% year to date, which is an improvement over last year. Meyers also noted bond funds are not doing well. One of our bond funds, PMCO is down 1.15% YTD. Two of the best performing funds were Hahn MidCore, up 18.87% YTD and DFA 60/40 up 14.67% YTD. Meyers added that with the good returns in equities, the portfolio's asset allocation has gotten out of balance. As a result, we may need to revisit or update the District's Investment Policy Statement. He added the market should remain strong through rest of the year and is not recommending any changes at this time. A motion was made by Link and seconded by Ghag accepting Meyers Quarterly Review. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION - TO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF THE WRITTEN PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER: A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Sanbrook to go into a closed session to discuss Manager Abshier's written performance review. The motion was approved unanimously. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Schmidl to go out of a closed session. The motion was approved unanimously. There was no reportable action.

APPROVAL TO CONTINUE THE DISTRICT MANAGER'S CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022: This would be year four of the five-year contract for District Manager Abshier. Board consensus was that Abshier continues to grow as Manager and is doing a great job. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Ghag to continue the District Manager's contract for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT MANAGER ABSHIER'S MERIT INCREASE: Abshier is eligible for a 2.5 % merit increase from step 6 to step 7 of the salary range schedule. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Schmidl to approve a merit increase from step 6 to step 7 on the salary range schedule. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MANAGER COMMENTS: No human cases of WNV have been reported in Sutter County this year. Sutter County had eighteen mosquito pools test positive, compared to twenty positive pools, this time last year. Eleven sentinel chickens have tested positive compared to last year, which had twenty-four at this time. Additionally, one dead bird tested positive in Sutter County. In Yuba County, twelve mosquito pools have tested positive, compared to two at this time last year. Two sentinel chickens have tested positive. One tested positive last year at this time. There have been no dead birds test positive or human WNV cases in Yuba County this year.

For our New Jersey light traps, *Culex tarsalis*, which are the biggest transmitter of West Nile Virus, are well below the ten year average. They are typically more prevalent in the earlier part of the season. We have been low on *pipiens* for most of the year as well. *Anopheles freeborni* typically peak around Labor Day. Numbers are way down now. Additionally, we performed two aerial missions in several, large orchard

blocks in an attempt to lower overwintering mosquito numbers that typically cause a large number of service calls in early spring. It is difficult to control *Anopheles* in the early spring because of unfavorable weather conditions.

The invasive *Aedes aegypti* has been detected in Sutter, Yolo, Butte and Shasta counties, with Shasta County also detecting an *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. Since our initial detection on August 11th, 2021, we have detections in six additional areas of Yuba City. We have implemented three additional surveillance methods, the BG trap, ovi position cup and the In2Care traps. Two methods are designed to attract the female mosquito looking for a site to lay her eggs. The ovi cup uses color and a water infusion to attract the female to lay her eggs on paper positioned just above the water level. The In2Care trap is a black bucket with a water attractant and gauze strip at and above the water level. The In2Care trap utilizes two methods of control. As the female positions herself to lay eggs, she picks up the pesticide, Pyriproxifen, on her legs, which she transfers to her next ovi position site, killing the larva at the new site. Secondly, she picks up a fungus that is lethal to her in approximately eight to fourteen days, allowing enough time for her to treat additional sources with the Pyriproxifen. The BG trap utilizes a fan and an attractant lure that mimics human odor to catch adult mosquitoes. Additionally, we began weekly wide area, A-1 treatments targeting larval sources along with added adulticide missions. Trapping results have been disappointing thus far, with little reduction in the mosquito numbers found in the traps. We will continue to monitor until early November, and then resume surveillance in the spring.

Additionally, the Manager reported on the following:

- The audit is going well and should be on the December agenda.
- We hired a new Mosquito Tech I; he worked as a seasonal employee this summer. He brings many skills and experiences and should be an excellent employee.
- All spray routes have ended.
- All temporary staff has been laid off.
- Staff is currently monitoring duck clubs, Sutter National Wildlife Refuge and North Butte areas which are typically impacted by the flooding of the Butte sink.
- The MVCAC Fall Conference October, 26-27 in Costa Mesa will be online.
- Staff will be watching the West Coast Rodent Academy online October 27-30, 2021.
- Staff will be attending a C.E. meeting at Sutter County Ag. October 20, 2021 for DPR credit.
- Cyber security training is set for October 29, 2021.
- Two fish ponds are being renovated by District staff at our Barker fish rearing facility.
- The MVCAC Annual conference will be February 7-9, 2022.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Sanbrook 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