

NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MINUTES

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Guzman

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier, Administrative Manger Valencia

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of October 13, 2022
- B. Bills for October 2022
- C. Merit increase for Shane Loyd, Mosquito Control Technician II: Mr. Loyd is being recommended for a salary increase to be effective November 1, 2022. The salary increase will be from step 2 to step 3 MCT II of the salary range schedule.

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

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SECURITY FENCING FOR 925 MARKET STREET:

The area in front of 925 Market Street, where Sharpe Software is currently leasing, is frequently subject to vagrancy. The District is constantly sending staff to the property to run off homeless, and pick up trash, which sometimes can include drug paraphernalia and even human waste. This area is ideal for homeless groups to gather as it is a pitted area with an overhang, so they can get out of the rain and it is low enough to avoid being seen directly from the street. Manager Abshier has proposed that we get the area fenced off with metal fencing similar to fencing we see around the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds as well as across the street from the 925 Market Street property. This would be about 85-100 feet of fencing. Abshier was able to get one bid from Benson Fence for the materials, including Guardian style 7' panels, that would come to \$9,446.00. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Link to approve the purchase of security fencing from Benson Fence for \$9,446.00 for 925 Market Street. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO SEND STAFF TO THE MVCAC PLANNING MEETING DECEMBER 5-7, 2022:

This is the annual meeting for the MVCAC where they plan out the goals and priorities of the MVCAC for the upcoming year. This year the meeting will be taking place in Oakland, CA. Manager Abshier was approved as the incoming MVCAC Vice President at the fall quarterly meeting that just took place in Visalia, so his presence at this meeting would be important. This would involve 2 nights at a hotel plus meals and gas and would cost \$185/night for the hotel and will take place in Oakland, CA. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Kirchner approving Manager Abshier to attend the MVCAC Planning Meeting from December 5th through the 7th 2022 in Oakland, CA. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO SEND STAFF TO THE VCJPA ANNUAL WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 23-24, 2023:

Office staff will attend the in-person, two-day VCJPA workshop in Santa Cruz. This conference is where VCJPA discusses risk management, liability, auto policy, and workers compensation. The VCJPA allows one person to attend the workshop free of charge with a charge for the second attendee. The cost for the second attendee has not been provided, however the best estimate is for approximately \$800 for 2 nights at the hotel plus meals and gas. Abshier recommended that office staff Kayla Valencia and Jessica Farrell attend this two-day workshop. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Link approving office staff attending the VCJPA workshop from February 23rd through the 24th 2023 in Santa Cruz, CA. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MANAGER COMMENTS:

a) Staff report on the MVCAC Fall Quarter meeting attended in Visalia on November 2-3, 2022. Abshier submitted a written report of the topics covered at the MVCAC fall quarter meeting. MVCAC's annual legislative day at the Capitol looks like it will be an in-person event this year, and issues regarding funding for invasive Aedes mitigation will be included. DPR's statewide pesticide application notification system is moving forward, and it is important to note that at this time will not impact public health pesticide applications. An amendment to the vector control exemption from apiary owner notification of pesticide applications within one mile of a registered site is progressing as well. Any pushback may come during the 30-day comment period.

b) VCJPA Member Contingency fund. The member contingency fund balance was not available at the time of the Board meeting.

c) District Activities

- Aedes aegypti update: abundance decreased at the end of October, and traps have all been brought in from the field. Sac/Yolo had 16 detections of another invasive mosquito called Aedes albopictus.
- The vacant trustee seat for City of Marysville has been filled by Marysville Public Works Director, Vincenzo Corazza.
- The website platform migration will occur during this off-season from Drupal to Word Press, and Redding Web will be contracted to facilitate this migration for \$4,000.00, and \$150.00/year for website hosting.
- DPR statewide application notification system will only affect ag pesticide applications at this time.
- The District will be installing 1 Ring Camera with a WIFI extender, and if the video looks good, more will be installed.
- Smith & Newell audit will be presented at the December 8th Board meeting.
- 3 Permanent and 1 Seasonal staff will be taking the VCT exam on November 17th.
- The fish pond renovation will be taking place with the District Backhoe, and all the fence material is on site.
- Staff has been working on building, vehicle, and equipment maintenance.
- The District will be closed Friday November 11th for Veteran's Day.
- Former District Manager Michael Kimball's funeral service will take place at Yuba City Cornerstone Church on November 19th at 1PM.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None

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

John Sanbrook, Board Secretary