

## NOVEMBER 12, 2020 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, November 12, 2020.

**PRESENT:** Sanbrook and Cleveland

**BY TELEPHONE:** President Harris, Schmidl, Ghag, Guzman and Ken Meyers of Meyers Investment Group

**ABSENT:** None

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

**EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:** None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2020
- B. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING
- C. BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2020
- D. Merit increase for Shane Loyd, Mosquito Control Technician I: Mr. Loyd has passed his probationary period and is being recommended for a salary increase, effective November 1, 2020. The salary increase will be from step 1 to step 2 of the salary range schedule for Mosquito Control Technician I.

A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Guzman approving consent agenda items A, C and D. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Guzman and seconded by Schmidl approving consent agenda item B. The motion was approved with Guzman, Schmidl, Ghag, Harris and Cleveland voting to approve. Sanbrook abstained.

**REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020:** Action was tabled at the October 22, 2020 Special Meeting, to let market volatility settle post-election. Meyers noted the District's portfolio is up 4.15% year to date and should show more gains by the end of the year. Hahn Midcore is down 3.48% and is currently on Meyers's watch list. Meyers added, bonds are at record lows, there is not much potential to make money in bonds. Meyers recommended two investments, Tandem and Suncoast. Tandem is conservative and uses technical analysis to determine the right time to make their investments. Suncoast invests in household companies with growth potential, at a little higher risk. Both Tandem and Suncoast have a \$100,000 minimum investment amount. The District's portfolio currently has \$209,757 in cash. A motion was made by Cleveland and seconded by Ghag to invest \$100,000 in Tandem and \$100,000 in Suncoast. The motion was approved with Sanbrook, Guzman, Harris, Cleveland and Ghag voting to approve. Schmidl voted against the motion.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-20-20:** Action by Unanimous Consent of Government Entity, Reinstatement of Qualified Retirement Plan. All Trustees' signatures are required on the Reinstatement of Retirement Plan. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Schmidl approving the Reinstatement of Retirement Plan. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO CLARKE, PROMIST DURA ADULTICIDE FOGGERS:** Three foggers were included in the 2020-21 budget. We had an immediate need for one this season, we delayed the purchase of two to get the most of out of the warranty. Beginning January 1, 2021, foggers will have a price increase. Another adulticide fogger, the Curtis L-30 is available at \$15,980.25, \$500 less than the Promist Dura. We've had three of the Curtis foggers over the years. We have not been impressed with their reliability, parts availability or service. The ProMist Dura foggers

have proven to be very dependable machines with excellent customer service and parts availability. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Guzman approving the purchase of two ProMist Dura foggers for \$16,471.90 per unit, a total of \$32,943.80. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES:** Albion Actuarial Services, Inc. is retiring. A new service provider is necessary for annual and as needed services. Abshier provided a cost comparison summary of five vendors contacted for actuarial services. Two providers, Bartel Associates, LLC and MacLeod Watts had no experience or did not respond to our request. Two providers Demsy Filliger and Independent Actuaries were capable, with much higher rates. Abshier noted that we have previously used Evergreen Retirement Plan Consulting. They are reasonably priced, very assessable and offer all services we require. Abshier added he is extremely confident with Evergreen's abilities and is recommending them as our new actuarial service provider. A motion was made by Cleveland and seconded by Sanbrook approving Evergreen Retirement Plan Consulting, LLC to provide actuarial services. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**a) WNV ACTIVITY**

Abshier reported that West Nile virus activity has been low this season. For 2020, Sutter County has had one human case, no dead birds, 20 mosquito pools and 26 chickens test positive for West Nile virus. Yuba County had no human cases, no dead birds, 2 mosquito pools and one chicken test positive for WNV.

**b) BG COUNTER RESULTS**

The BG counter trap tracks mosquito numbers and time of day the trapping occurs. Mosquito numbers are recorded at 15 minute increments, indicating varying levels of activity. We deployed the BG trap at the Gray Lodge Farms duck club, for two nights, to monitor for the flood water mosquito *Aedes melanimon*. The findings indicated two distinct periods of high host seeking activity; times were similar for both morning and evening. Peak host seeking periods will aid in timing for the most efficient use of adulticides. The BG trap will be deployed next season to monitor the host seeking activity of the *Culex tarsalis*, the primary vector of West Nile Virus.

**c) INVASIVE Aedes Aegypti UPDATE**

Since the initial adult *Aedes aegypti* detection on August 18, no further detections of adults have been made. We have detected eggs from four ovi position traps deployed south of the original detection site. The last detection was made in late October. All traps have been brought in and will be deployed again in April. Trapping in April will show if our control methods have been successful.

**d) LETTER REQUESTING RE-APPOINTMENT FOR TRUSTEE SANBROOK**

A letter requesting re-appointment to the Sutter-Yuba MVCD Board of Trustees has been sent for Trustee Sanbrook.

**e) STAFF REPORT ON THE MVCAC QUARTERLY MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON OCTOBER 27-30, 2020.**

Abshier submitted a written report. He highlighted several items discussed at the conference including, funding for CalSurv. MVCAC contractor KP Public Affairs has been meeting with State legislators to secure funding. At the Federal level some funding has been tentatively pre-approved for the CDC for the next two years. The MVCAC is also drafting a letter to address the concerns over the re-registration of Naled.

**f) DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

- All temporary staff has left for the winter.
- A full time employee was dismissed; he failed to pass the one year probationary period.

- One pond at the Barker fish farm has been rehabilitated and is being refilled. The work was performed by Darrell Jew using the District's backhoe. The pond which was in dire need of repair looks very good.
- Staff is painting buildings, performing equipment maintenance, and watching continuing education videos.
- Contract with Yuba County for mosquito control services at the Sycamore Ranch complex is coming to an end this year and needs to be renewed. We charge for actual labor, travel time and all materials.
- A shower drain in the Bio-Control building needs to be repaired; it will be repaired in house.
- The annual Audit will be ready for the December meeting.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Guzman 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