

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 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 14, 2019.

PRESENT: Board Trustees Harris, Schmidl, Ghag, Cleveland and Sanbrook

ABSENT: Guzman

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier and General Foreman Hunt

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2019
- B. BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2019

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

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020: Abshier explained for the 2020 calendar year, the health insurance rate will increase by 3.78%. Looking back, we saw an increase of 3.0% in 2019 and 4.3% in 2018. The total increased cost to the District for the 2020 calendar year, for all employees, will be \$8,041.68. We are purchasing insurance through SDRMA. With 380,000 members, the group holds a very strong negotiating position. The District's current provider is Anthem Blue Cross, Platinum PPO. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Ghag approving the 2020 health insurance renewal rates for Anthem Blue Cross Platinum PPO at a total cost of \$18,411.00 per month. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020: Abshier presented rates for the 2020 calendar year. Delta Dental is proposing a 1.5% decrease in their rates. Additionally, this rate will be guaranteed until January 1, 2021. The District is providing a mid-level plan. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Sanbrook approving the 2020 dental insurance renewal rates at a total cost to the District of \$704.84 per month. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

VISION INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020: Abshier explained that vision insurance rates with VSP will remain the same for the 2020 calendar year. This rate is guaranteed until January 1, 2021. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Cleveland approving the 2020 vision insurance renewal rates at a total cost of \$98.95 per month. The motion was approved with 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 two pickups, a compressor, chain link dog pen, oxygen tank storage rack and other miscellaneous items. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Sanbrook declaring two pickups and miscellaneous items as surplus. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE CLARKE, PROMIST DURA ADULTICIDE FOGGER: Two foggers were budgeted for. As we did not have an immediate need for both, we delayed the purchase of one to get the most of out of the warranty. Beginning January 1, 2020, foggers will have a price increase. The ProMist foggers have been very reliable and dependable machines. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Sanbrook approving the purchase of one ProMist Dura fogger for \$16,056.39. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2019/2020, 2 WHEEL DRIVE ½ TON SHORT BED PICKUP: This vehicle will replace a 2014 pickup that was a covered, total loss, through our Auto Physical Damage program with VCJPA. Reimbursement for the loss will not entirely cover the replacement. Some funds will need to come from our Vehicle Replacement Reserve. Geweke Ford will honor the \$22,698.18 bid presented at the October Board meeting. A shortfall of \$2,844.18 will come from our Vehicle Replacement Reserve. The Vehicle Replacement Reserve stands at \$60,000 currently. A motion was made by Cleveland and seconded by Schmidl approving the purchase of the 2019/2020 ½ ton, 2 wheel drive, short bed pickup from Geweke Ford for \$22,698.56. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AN EQUIPMENT/DUMP TRAILER: Informal bids were presented for the purchase of an equipment/dump trailer. The dump trailer is needed to haul refuse, trees, landscape materials, road base, broken concrete and asphalt. Previously we were able to rely on Gilsizer to haul items for us. The trailer will be dual purpose, allowing us to also haul our John Deere tractor from the Fish Farm for repairs or maintenance. Three bids were presented for a 14 foot, PJ dump trailer with 48 inch sides, loading ramps, and factory tarp kit. The trailer has a GVWR of 9,900 lbs, allowing it to be towed with a Class C driver's license. The bids received were \$10,035.73 from Chico Truck and RV, Vacaville Trailer Sales at \$11,732.91 and Custom California Trailers at \$10,899.50. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Sanbrook approving the purchase of a 14 foot PJ dump trailer from Chico Truck and RV for \$10,035.73. 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 2019, Sutter County has had one human asymptomatic case, no dead birds, 15 mosquito pools and 11 chickens test positive for West Nile virus. Yuba County had no human cases, three dead birds, 22 mosquito pools and five chickens test positive for WNV.

b) MOSQUITO TRAP COUNTS

The October light trap report numbers were flat. We are focused primarily on the last of the duck club flood ups. This year, larviciding treatments were increased on duck clubs and SNWR, in an effort to reduce egg laying mosquitoes. Larviciding treatments are more costly, but they help to greatly reduce production, for this year and subsequent years. The additional treatments were very successful, requiring very few adulticide applications. The two duck clubs treated with the larvicides have MOU's in place allowing for recovery of some of the material expense. The MOU's have a cap of \$20 per acre.

c) INVASIVE *Aedes* READINESS

The invasive *Aedes* species continue to creep northward, most recently detected in Sacramento and Placer counties. We are taking a proactive approach, monitoring with specialized traps, answering suspect service calls and testing of the WALS larvicide application system. Abshier stated he has spoken to other District Managers that already have the invasive species in their Districts. An invasive species meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020, at the Sac/Yolo District. Managers will be sharing their experiences of success and failures attempting to control the invasive species.

d) LETTERS REQUESTING RE-APPOINTMENT FOR TRUSTEES GHAG, HARRIS AND SCHMIDL

Letters requesting re-appointment to the Sutter-Yuba MVCD Board of Trustees have been sent for Trustee Ghag, Trustee Harris and Trustee Schmidl.

e) STAFF REPORT ON THE MVCAC QUARTERLY MEETING HELD IN VISALIA, CA ON OCTOBER 29-30, 2019.

Abshier submitted a written report. He highlighted one item discussed at the conference. Governor Newsom signed AB320, recognizing CalSurv in the Health and Safety Code, increasing the chance for regular funding.

f) LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF 905 MARKET STREET

Abshier noted, legal council recommended retaining ownership of the Market Street property. A new buyer could accept all liabilities, but the burden of mitigating the contamination could still come back on us if the property were sold to a third party.

g) VCJPA MEMBER CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Abshier stated the Contingency Fund balance stands at \$351,822, a 1% increase.

h) DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- Abshier reported that entomologist, Amanda Bradford resigned, effective November 8, 2019. Abshier noted we are losing a terrific employee. She took a position with Butte County MVCD. We will post the open position mid-December and hire March 1, 2020. We have two possible in-house candidates and one temporary staff candidate that might be interested in the position. The job announcement will be posted on the MVCAC website job board, as well as our own website.
- Abshier reported the hiring of former summer employee Shane Loyd to fill the MCT 1 vacancy. Shane has worked for the District as a summer employee since 2014. Loyd was chosen from three candidates interviewed for the MCT 1 position.
- All temporary staff has left for the winter.
- The audit contract is up this year and we will need to go out to bid next year.
- We received a subpoena for documents pertinent to a worker's compensation case, Lookingbill & Granite Construction. The case does not involve any employees of the District. All documents related to District spraying around Lookingbill's residence that were requested have been submitted.
- Gilsizer Drainage District's move has been completed. A remaining railcar and a small storage building will be removed by a contractor.
- Staff is painting buildings, performing equipment maintenance, and attending continuing education.
- The MVCAC Trustee Council is looking for candidates for Trustee representatives. A nomination letter from the Board would need to be received by December 1, 2019 for any Trustees that are interested.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Trustee Ghag presented a handout from the L.A. County West MVCD that he picked up at an event in Long Beach Ca. Ghag was very impressed, suggesting we consider a similar handout.

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

John Sanbrook, Board Secretary