

## JANUARY 12, 2023 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, January 12, 2023.

**PRESENT:** Board President Schmidl, Board Secretary Sanbrook, Trustees Guzman, Ghag, Link and Corazza

**ABSENT:** Trustee Kirchner

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

**EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:** None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2022
- B. BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2022
- C. MERIT INCREASE FOR BILL TERBUSH

Merit increase for Bill Terbush, Field Foreman. Mr. Terbush is being recommended for a salary increase to be effective January 1, 2023. The salary increase will be from step 3 to step 4 of the salary range schedule for Field Foreman.

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023:** A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Ghag approving the continuation of David Schmidl as Board President. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Link approving the continuation of John Sanbrook as Board Secretary. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022:** Meyers addressed the Board stating the plan had a rough year. The portfolio ended down 12.90% for 2022. Meyers added that YTD in 2023, the portfolio is up 2.83%. Meyers noted that Millennium Partners was up 3.01% for 2022, Hahn Midcore lost 27.88%, Sun Coast was down 23.4%, and one of the newly acquired funds, PIMCO ended the year down 13.64%. Meyers advised bond funds will not do well in 2023. Meyers added this year should be a good year with interest rates trending downward late year. Meyers is not recommending any changes in investments at this time. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Ghag to accept the Defined Benefit Plan Investment Quarterly Review. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-12-23: First installment of Yuba County Taxes:** A motion was made by Guzman and seconded by Ghag approving Resolution No. 01-12-23, requesting the first installment of Yuba County taxes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**PROPERTY FLOOD INSURANCE RATES FOR 2023:** Our current flood insurance policy is good through February 26<sup>th</sup> 2023. Abshier noted for \$10,083, the policies would cover eight buildings owned by the District and their contents including buildings on Market Street in Yuba City. The cost of coverage has increased 5.7% over the premium paid in 2022. Abshier noted we are rated zone X, a minimum risk zone. Currently the level of Shasta Lake is 40% of capacity with Oroville Lake at 49% capacity. The current snowpack for the Central Sierra is 228% of normal for this date and 104% of the April 1 average. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Sanbrook to approve the purchase of flood insurance for one year at \$10,083. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**a)** Abshier attended the MVCAC Planning Meeting in Oakland December 5-7, 2022. A written report was provided outlining the topics discussed; including funding for Calsurv as a line item in the California state budget and a request for state funding for invasive *Aedes* control. Novel control methods include irradiating male mosquitoes, modified males and Wolbachia infected mosquitoes. CDPH is making a funding request for the Dead Bird hotline in the amount of \$33,000 from the MVCD. This controversial issue will come to a vote at the MVCAC meeting in Anaheim. Abshier believes each District should be charged based on their actual usage of the hotline service.

**b)** Six employees obtained DPR CE hours attending the Spray Safe meeting at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds January 11, 2023.

**c)** The Sutter County Ag Department conducted an annual compliance inspection January 10, 2023. Annually they check our training records for respirators, pesticide labels and also inspect PPE and pesticide storage areas. No violations were noted. We strive to maintain a good working rapport with our Ag Department. The Agriculture Commissioners of both counties have a positive attitude towards growers and strive help them to stay in compliance.

**d)** Six Ring cameras have been installed and are operating. Selected District personnel are able to monitor activity on the cameras via cell phone. The coverage areas should prove beneficial with the main concern being the District vehicles.

**e) District activities**

- The annual WOTUS report is due by February 28, 2023.
- High winds destroyed the bird exclusion netting over four ponds at the Barker Fish Farm. The netting was installed in 2016 at a cost of \$6,588.14. We do not have coverage with the VCJPA to cover the loss.
- The conflict of interest form 700 needs to be completed by all Trustees.
- Staff is working on a huge list of winter projects including equipment maintenance and repair.
- Corazza requested Abshier brief the Board concerning Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. Abshier advised Entomology staff takes precautions to prevent transmission between our chicken flocks by wearing disposable boot covers and gloves which are disposed of between flocks. The District tests dead birds for mosquito borne diseases, the CDFA and the CDFW tests for HPAI. The risk for human infection is low. One death of a poultry worker was reported in the US in 2022.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Link asked if the security fencing at Market Street had been completed. Abshier noted the fencing has been ordered and scheduled for pick up January 19<sup>th</sup>. Preparation for the fencing has been delayed due to the wet weather.

**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. Trustee Schmidl adjourned the meeting.

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John Sanbrook, Board Secretary