# **JANUARY 13, 2022 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee David Schmidl at 4:30 P.M., Thursday, January 13, 2022.

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

**ABSENT:** Board President Harris

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

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2021
- B. BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2021
- 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, 2022. The salary increase will be from step 2 to step 3 of the salary range schedule for Field Foreman.

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021:** Abshier stated that he had spoken with Bill Harris and he indicated that he was content to serve another year as Board President. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Guzman approving the continuation of Bill Harris as Board President and 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, 2021:** Meyers addressed the Board stating the plan had a good year. The portfolio gained 18.43% for 2021. Meyers added that a lot of money is still on the sidelines, investors are waiting for stability before getting into the market. Meyers noted a few highlights; Hahn Midcore gained 29.47%, Sun Coast up 26.5% and one of the newly acquired funds Millennium Partners up 17.49% for 2021. Pimco ended the year down 1.41%. Meyers advised Bond funds will not do well in 2022. Meyers added this year should be a good year with the regular ebb and flows. Meyers is not recommending any changes in investments at this time. A motion was made by Kirchner and seconded by Ghag to accept the Defined Benefit Plan Investment Quarterly Review. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-13-22: First installment of Yuba County Taxes:** A motion was made by Guzman and seconded by Ghag approving Resolution No. 01-13-22, requesting the first installment of Yuba County taxes. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

**PROPERTY FLOOD INSURANCE RATES FOR 2021:** Abshier noted for \$9,535, 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 decreased 27% from the quote provided to us in 2020. Abshier noted we are rated zone X, a minimum risk zone. Northern California Counties are classified as being in an extreme drought. Currently the level of Shasta Lake is 33% of capacity with Oroville Lake at 43% capacity. Raising deductibles would result in a higher rate, as we would no longer carry preferred risk status. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Sanbrook to approve the purchase of flood insurance for one year at \$9,535. The motion was

approved with Sanbrook, Guzman, Ghag, Kirchner, and Link voting to approve. Schmidl voted against the motion.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

## MANAGER COMMENTS:

**a)** Six applications have been received for the vacant Vector Ecologist position including three local applicants. The filing period ends January 31, 2022.

**b)** Two Sutter County Grand Jury members visited the District January 5, 2022. Abshier provided them with a copy of our budget and audit. Abshier provided them a summary of our science based control methods and surveillance programs to control disease and mosquito numbers. Abshier noted it was a good visit. A report will be provided to us at a later date.

**c)** The Sutter County Ag Department conducted an annual compliance inspection January 7, 2022. 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 Dept.

**d)** The VCJPA annual workshop will be held online February 17-18, 2022. Abshier, Valencia and Farrell will be attending.

## e) District activities

- Geweke Ford will have the replacement pick-up for the one totaled last summer delivered by late February or early March. The new four door F-150 and the F-350 have an expected delivery in July. All vehicle manufactures are experiencing a shortage of new vehicles.
- The annual WOTUS report is due by February 28, 2022.
- Erik Blosser applied for and was accepted to the MVCAC Vector and Vector-Borne Disease Committee.
- The conflict of interest form 700 needs to be completed by all Trustees.
- Staff is working on a huge list of winter projects including replacement of a shower drain in the Bio Control building. The in-house drain repair saved the District thousands of dollars.

#### TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None

**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.

John Sanbrook, Board Secretary