

APRIL 8, 2021 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Harris at 4:30 P.M., Thursday, April 08, 2021.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Trustees Guzman and Link

MEMBERS BY TELEPHONE: President Harris, Secretary Sanbrook, Trustees Schmidl, Ghag, and Kirchner

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier, General Foreman Hunt, Ken Meyers of Meyers Investment Group, and Jeff T. Helm of Jeff T. Helm, Inc.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of March 11, 2021
- B. Bills for March 2021
- C. Merit Increase for Erik Blosser, Entomologist: Mr. Blosser is being recommended for a salary increase to be effective April 1, 2021. The salary increase will be from step 3 to step 4 of the salary range schedule for Entomologist.
- D. Merit Increase for Mervin Hunt, General Foreman: Mr. Hunt is being recommended for a salary increase to be effective April 1, 2021. The salary increase will be from step 9 to step 10 of the salary range schedule for General Foreman.

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

905 MARKET STREET PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT: The current six month lease agreement will expire on April 30, 2021. Board approval to lease the Market Street property to Jeff T. Helm Inc. beginning May 1, 2021 was discussed. Abshier stated he had spoken with Mr. Helm and he expressed the desire to extend the lease for another six months at the rate of \$1,500 per month. Board consensus is to require a minimum one year lease moving forward. A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Ghag to extend the 905 Market Street lease for six months to Jeff T. Helm Inc. beginning May 1, 2021 at \$1,500 per month. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2021: Ken Meyers of Meyers Investment Group provided a snapshot of the plan as of April 7, 2021. The plan is up 5.32% year to date. The bond portfolio has returned to positive territory. Hahn MidCore showed the highest gain with a 12.11% increase. The new investments, Millennium Group and Partners Group are performing well. Meyers advised it should be a good year and is not recommending any changes at this time. A motion was made by Guzman and seconded by Sanbrook to accept the Quarterly Review of the District's Defined Benefit Plan Investments. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR THE AERIAL APPLICATION OF ADULTICIDES AND LARVICIDES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SUTTER YUBA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT: Abshier stated that Russ Stocker of Arena Pest Management has provided a letter detailing rates for 2021. Both larvicide and adulticide application rates increased over 2020. The larviciding rate would be \$1,275 per hour, an increase of 2%. The adulticiding rate would be \$2,300 per hour, a 4.5% increase. Stocker has two aircraft that will be available for adulticide work

including a twin engine Skymaster that could be used over congested areas. Stocker has the hardware and software required to apply these materials. In 2020 the Placer, Sac/Yolo and San Joaquin Districts entered into a combined contract with VDCI at the cost of \$0.60 per acre for adulticide work. We are paying \$0.39 per acre. Our current larvicide rate is averaging \$1.43 per acre; Sac/Yolo is paying \$3.50-\$4.50 per acre. Another aerial applicator has expressed interest in the contract but lacks the required DPR Category K license. A motion was made by Sanbrook and seconded by Link approving applications by Arena Pest Management at the rates of \$2,300 per hour for adulticide application services and \$1,275 per hour for larvicide applications services. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MANAGER COMMENTS:

- New Mosquito Control Technician I, Shawn Cassity, began work on April 1, 2021. Mr. Cassity replaces a probationary employee that was dismissed last fall.
- New Mosquito Control Technician I, Devin Lake, will begin work on April 9, 2021. Mr. Lake replaces Richard Herrington who retired on April 8, 2021.
- The MVCAC Spring meeting was held March 23, 2021. Items discussed included funding for CalSurv; MVCAC will provide funding at \$65,000 this year and \$25,000 for 2022. CalSurv is also asking the CDC and the state for funding of \$1,000,000 each. Also discussed was a network penetration test to look for vulnerability issues in Districts' IT programs. Hackers are targeting smaller agencies that may not have the proper IT protection. If hackers are able to gain access they can lockdown the system and hold it for ransom.
- MVCAC Legislative days were held remotely April 6-7 2021. The meeting was with Gallagher and Nielson staffers. Both staffers were fascinated with the very useful information that was provided. The Nielson staffer advised the state has a 20 billion dollar surplus right now. The dollar amount we are asking to fund CalSurv is a very small request.
- Seasonal employees will begin work on May 3, 2021.
- CDPH testing for five staff members has been scheduled for May 20, 2021.
- The office carpet tiles have been received and will be installed by District staff.
- The annual green pool surveillance flight will be the end of May.
- Two staff members are scheduled to test with DPR, one on April 12th and another on April 26th.
- Mosquitofish are available for pickup at the District yard beginning April 1, 2021.
- Sentinel Chickens pick up day will be April 15, 2021.
- The annual meeting with the USFWS has been scheduled for April 14, 2021, to be held via teleconference. Topics to be discussed include planned irrigations, fall flood up schedule, water availability and the previous year's treatments.
- The Dead Bird Hotline begins on April 12, 2021.
- The three new pickups are being outfitted with foggers and associated equipment.
- Three surplus pickups and miscellaneous equipment has been delivered to BidCal in Chico for the April 24th equipment auction.
- New Jersey light traps have been deployed, reports will be presented at the May meeting.
- Staff continues monitoring spring sources, waste tires and responding to service calls.

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. Board President Harris adjourned the meeting.

John Sanbrook, Board Secretary