

DECEMBER 14, 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, December 14, 2023.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Link

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier, General Foreman Hunt

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2023
- B. BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

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

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. Carrie Schroeder of Smith and Newell was unable to attend the meeting. Abshier presented an overview of the 2022-2023 audit. Trustees received a copy of the report for review. Abshier highlighted a few items in the audit, noting that revenue exceeded projections, expenses ended lower than projected, and no modification opinions are being recommended. Abshier noted that we have a net pension asset and robust reserves. A motion was made by Guzman and seconded by Ghag approving the FY 2022-2023 audit. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH YUBA COUNTY TO PROVIDE MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL SERVICES TO SYCAMORE RANCH AND HAMMON GROVE: A motion was made by Schmidl and seconded by Guzman to renew the three year contract with Yuba County for surveillance and control services to Sycamore Ranch and Hammon Grove for 2024. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

VECTOR CONTROL JPA RETROSPECTIVE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE POOLED WORKERS COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY PROGRAMS: Abshier explained that the VCJPA handles the District's worker's compensation, liability insurance, and automotive insurance. Annually, they make a retrospective adjustment when claims are settled and program years can be closed. Abshier reported that the refund from the worker's comp retrospective adjustment is \$10,490 with the liability program fund refund at \$2,881. The total refund is \$13,371. Abshier recommended that the refund be deposited into the VCJPA Member Contingency Fund. A motion was made by Ghag and seconded by Sanbrook approving the deposit of the VCJPA refund of \$13,371 into the VCJPA Member Contingency Fund. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR: Abshier noted our current tractor that was purchased in 2002 is beginning to show its age. We have replaced rear wheel bearings; plastic components are deteriorating, and the transmission is difficult to shift. The tractor is a bit underpowered, operating at peak horsepower to power our flail mower. A handout was presented showing pricing for three tractors, John Deere 2038R at \$32,157.98, Mahindra 2638 at \$29,500.75 and a New Holland Workmaster 35 at \$28,101.14, which is a rental return with full warranty coverage. The amount budgeted to replace the tractor is \$36,750. Abshier noted he had investigated Air Resources programs FARMER and Carl Moyer, which didn't reduce pricing below the vendor's best quotes and would require our current unit to be scrapped. Board consensus was that the John Deere tractor is a superior product and well worth the higher cost. A motion was made by Kirchner and seconded by Ghag

approving the purchase of a brand new John Deere 2038R for \$32,157.98. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MANAGER COMMENTS:

a) The results for surplus items sold at Bidcal Auction were, Philift forklift \$5,600, two 2010 F-150s \$6,300 and \$7,709, 2002 F-350 \$24,751, small utility trailer \$600 and the recovered fogger \$500. The total net amount, after auction commission, will be noted at the next Board meeting.

b) District activities

- Abshier noted he had an interested person concerning the SYMVCD Board vacancy for Trustee representing the City of Marysville. He disclosed that recently he had been informed the person would not be able to serve on the Board, as it would create a conflict with her work schedule.
- A WNV human case was reported on November 17th, the date of testing was October 31st, which is late for human transmission. President Schmidl suggested we do more to educate the public as to the threat of WNV and its potential long-term effects on people who contract the virus.
- David Schmidl was reappointed to the Board at the Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting November 28th, and has been sworn in.
- The Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) accounts have been funded for 2024, at a total of \$52,480. Including the cost to fund the HRA accounts, the District is saving \$98,000 annually on health insurance costs, as compared to continuing to purchase the health plan we had with SDRMA.
- One seasonal employee that tested with CDPH on November 16, 2023, passed one exam but failed the other by one point, he will be able to retest in the spring.
- The office will be closed during Christmas week, December 25-29, 2023.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None

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

John Sanbrook, Board Secretary