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SUTTER-YUBA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AGENDA

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Thursday, March 12, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
- motion 3. Emergency Agenda Items
- motion 4. Consent Agenda:
The Consent Calendar groups together those items which are considered noncontroversial or for which prior policy direction has been given to staff and that requires only routine action by the Board. The Chair will advise the audience that the matters may be adopted in total by one motion; however, the Board may, at its option or upon request of a member of the public, consider any matter separately.
 - A. Minutes of February 12, 2026
 - B. Bills for February 2026
- motion 5. Approval of the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, ending June 30, 2025. This item was tabled at the February 12, 2026 meeting.
- motion 6. Approval of an agreement for aerial surveillance photography to locate suspect swimming pools and other backyard sources in urban areas of the District for the 2026 season.
- motion 7. Approval of a contract for the aerial application of adulticides and larvicides within the boundaries of the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District: Informal bids will be presented to the Board for consideration.
- motion 8. Approval of a Media Outreach Program: A comprehensive media outreach program to engage residents concerning aerial swimming pool surveillance, invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes, West Nile virus and District spraying will be presented to the Board.
- motion 9. Consideration of Bids for the District Annual Audit: Multi-year, informal bids will be presented to the Board for approval.
10. Public Comments
11. Manager Comments: The manager will report on the following:
 - a) Written reports from the VCJPA workshop on February 26-27, 2026
 - b) District activities
12. Trustee Comments
- motion 13. Adjournment

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Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector control District

February 2026 BILLS

Name	Date	Amount	Other	Total
Airgas	3/9/2026	84.80		84.80
ATT	"	127.47		127.47
CDPH	"	328.00		328.00
Farrell, Jessica	"	308.49		308.49
Golden Bear Alarms	"	125.00		125.00
Grow West	"	313.17		313.17
Holt of California	"	2,157.54		2,157.54
Home Depot	"	1,535.20		1,535.20
Kirchner, Wade	"	369.59		369.59
Larry Geweke	"		76,990.04	76,990.04
MVCAC	"	884.00		884.00
Napa Auto Parts	"	166.82		166.82
Santa Ana, Alfonso	"	649.00		649.00
Shadd Janitorial Supply	"	46.06		46.06
Sutter-Yuba MVCD- Petty Cash	"	15.00		15.00
Target	"	3,871.46		3,871.46
US Bank	"	26,518.42	153.14	26,671.56
Valencia, Kayla	"	368.01		368.01
Wex Bank	"	960.97		960.97
TOTAL		38,829.00	77,143.18	115,972.18

The above referred to list is herein certified as a true and correct list of allowed claims which have been allowed by the Board of Trustees as dated:03/09/2026

Signature

Signature

FEBRUARY 12, 2026 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, February 12, 2026.

PRESENT: President Schmidl, Secretary Sanbrook, Ghag, Kirchner, Link, Luce, Samayoa

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Abshier, General Foreman Songer, and Carrie Schroeder of Smith and Newell

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of January 9, 2026
- B. Bills for January 2026

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

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, ENDING JUNE 30, 2025. SMITH AND NEWELL WILL MAKE A SHORT PRESENTATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS:

Carrie Schroeder of Smith & Newell presented an overview of the 2024–2025 audit. Trustees received a copy of the report for review. Schroeder described the audit opinion as unmodified, indicating the financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting standards. She noted that the District's assets consist primarily of cash and investments held with the County, and that receivables and capital assets are recorded at historical cost rather than current market value. Sanbrook inquired about the components of the District's long-term liabilities. Schroeder explained that in the liabilities section, accounts payable and accrued salaries and benefits represent amounts owed to vendors and employees at the close of the fiscal year. Long-term liabilities consist of accrued vacation, sick leave balances, and a land lease obligation. She also reported that the District continues to reflect a net pension asset. Link inquired about the efficiency of the audit process and coordination with Sutter County following its transition to a new financial software system. Schroeder indicated that while the software conversion created challenges, the audit was completed successfully. The budgetary comparison shows actual expenditures were below the final amended budget. Samayoa asked about a few budget line items versus expenditures. Schroeder explained that she would have to review records back at her office to address Samayoa's questions. The items will be reviewed prior to the next Board meeting to clarify the variances. A motion was made by Samayoa and seconded by Link to table approval of the FY 2024–2025 audit until the March Board meeting to allow additional review. The motion was approved by 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:

Abshier reported that Board approval is required to declare certain District property as surplus for auction. He provided an overview of the items, including one 2010 pickup truck and one 2011 pickup truck. Additional items included metal cabinets, automotive repair equipment, pesticide application equipment, and pesticide storage containers. A motion was made by Kirchner and seconded by Ghag to declare the listed District property as surplus for auction. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MANAGER COMMENTS:

- Abshier concluded his term as MVCAC president and reported that the 2026 MVCAC conference was a rewarding experience and an opportunity for leadership growth. Staff and Trustees who attended the conference provided written reports.
- District staff will attend the VCJPA annual workshop which will be held February 26-27, 2026. The workshop will include a review of benefits for members, an overview of insurance claims, the auto physical damage program, and an update on the investment pool.
- MVCAC Legislative Day is scheduled for March 10 in Sacramento. There will be a strong focus on educating legislators, advocating for continued funding for the CalSurv program, and discussing plans to address invasive *Aedes* mosquito control.

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**Aerial Swimming Pool Surveillance
Aerial Services**

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
\$6,165	\$6,713 +8%	\$6,713 +0%	\$7,250.04 +8%	\$7,250.04 +0%	\$7,250.04 +0%	\$7,250.04 +0%

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**Aerial application of Insecticides
Basin Aviation**

Insecticide	2025	2026
Larvicides	<p align="center">\$1,625/hour +fuel surcharge*</p> <p align="center">*1% x larvicide rate for each \$0.10 over \$2 per gallon</p>	<p align="center">\$1705/hr (+5%) +fuel surcharge*</p> <p align="center">*1% x larvicide rate for each \$0.10 over \$3 per gallon</p>
Adulticides	<p align="center">\$2,850/hour +fuel surcharge*</p> <p align="center">*1% x larvicide rate for each \$0.10 over \$2 per gallon</p>	<p align="center">\$2995/hr (+5%) +fuel surcharge*</p> <p align="center">*1% x larvicide rate for each \$0.10 over \$3 per gallon</p>

Agenda Item 8

Print Advertising

	Appeal	Territorial	
Dates	May & June	May & June	
2025 Amount	\$1,960	\$1,250	
2026 Amount	\$1,960	\$1,250	2026 TOTAL
			\$3,210

Radio Advertising

	KUBA	KKCY	93Q	Rhythm 105	Punjabi USA
Dates	Jun-Aug 12 wks	Jun-Aug 12 wks	Jun-Aug 12 wks	Jun-Aug 12 wks	Jun-Aug 12 wks
2025 Ad Spots	120	144	600	1,008	
2025 Amount	\$1,920	\$2,736	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$2,850
2026 Ad Spots	120	144	600	1,008	
2026 Amount	\$1,920	\$2,736	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$2,850

2026 Total
\$10,306

Digital TV Advertising

	2025		2026	
	Results Media (8 weeks)	Results Media (12 weeks)	Results Media (8 weeks)	Results Media (12 weeks)
Campaign Dates	July 1-Sept 30	<i>not quoted</i>	July 1-Sept 30	June 1-Sept 30
Platform Delivery	CTV + Video Ads		CTV + Video Ads	CTV + Video Ads
Estimated Impressions	300,000		300,000	400,000
Cost/ Impression	\$0.030		\$0.030	\$0.030
Production cost est.	Included		Included	Included
Amount	\$9,300		N/A	\$9,300

Transit Advertising

	2025	2026
	LAMAR	LAMAR
Date Range	June 8 - Aug 31 (3 buses, 3 shelters, 3 benches)	June 8 - Aug 31 (3 buses, 3 shelters, 3 benches)
% Change	0%	0.017%
Amount	\$6,000.00	\$6,001.00
	2025 TOTAL	\$28,816
	2026 TOTAL	\$31,817

Agenda Item 9

Bids for Auditing Services

Name & City	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	Total
Crowe, LLP, Sacramento	DTQ	-	-	-
David Farnsworth CPA, Dublin	DNR	-	-	-
Fechter & Company, Sacramento	\$24,089	\$22,509	\$24,029	\$70,627
CJ Brown & Company, Cypress	DNR	-	-	-
Smith & Newell, Yuba City	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$28,500
Tenney & Company, Yuba City	DNR	-	-	-

VCJPA Annual Conference- Jessica Farrell

Financial Overview- Presented by Sarah Thurston

Overall net position and liquidity remain strong. Funding rates for workers compensation and liability programs are stable and set at an 85% confidence level. Rates discounted to net present value increased to 1.75% as rates are rising there was a .25% increase from last year. Loss experience has been favorable for recent program years with a 14% reduction in loss. Mid-Layer funding and retention have resulted in net position growth. Overall, the net position and liquidity remains strong with a net position of \$11,430,299. A 16.3% increase with approximately 1.6 million net position difference from 2024 program year as of December 31, 2025.

Liability Program- Presented by Will Portello

VCJPA has 46 open claims of those claims, 24 of them are employment practice claims (EPL) and 22 are auto liability claims. Will stated that between 2019 and 2024 that 74% of claims were auto liability claims and only 24% being EPL claims. He noted for 2025 that 52% of claims are EPL and 48% are auto liability. National liability average claims paid on auto claims have more than doubled from 2020-2024. California saw its largest increase from 2023-2024 with an 87.4% increase. EPL claims within the Erma program have 7 claims for Discrimination, 5 claims for Retaliation and Sexual Harassment, 4 claims for Harassment for a reason other than sex/gender, and 3 claims for alleged violations on a combination of either harassment or discrimination and retaliation.

Legal Update- Presented by Doug Alliston, VCJPA Legal Counsel

Brown Act Section 54952.7- Local agencies will provide a copy of this chapter to any elected or appointed person who is a member of a legislative body.

Brown Act New Alternate Teleconference Rules- Boards will not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the board and offer comments in real time. Legal council recommended that boards do not have a timed public comment period. If you do then you are not able to close prior to the expiration of the specified time. In the event the teleconference system is disrupted, the board shall not take action on items in the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting is restored.

SB 513- Personnel File Disclosure: Effective January 1, 2026, all education and training records must be added to personnel records that employers must make available to employees upon request.

Pesticide Restrictions- DPR has provided new buffer zones for cancer risk and protects occupational bystanders. They will be initiating formal rulemaking in the second quarter of 2026 to update its Enforcement Response Regulations including increasing fines that have been unchanged since 2002.

Auto Physical Damage Program

The Auto Physical Damage Program was established to provide coverage to the member districts for any physical damage to automobiles, watercraft, trailers, and drones. Districts provide replacement cost values annually, which includes any equipment permanently fixed (i.e. foggers). The current coverage amount is \$75,000 with \$1,000 deductible. For the 2025/26 program year a total of 1,166 vehicles and 39 unmanned aircraft are in this program. A total of \$245,667 was collected in contributions. The net position in this program is \$695,023 as of December 31, 2025. This program does not have a minimum net position. The board has an actuarial study on this program done every other year and will provide minimum fund balance recommendations for this program. For the 2026/27 and 2027/28 program years the minimum fund balance recommendations keeping the above limits and deductible ranged from expected total pooling fund of \$230,000 to 85% confidence level total pooling fund of \$322,000. VCJPA members were not interested in a minimum fund balance at this time. Rates for the 2026/27 program year will increase per vehicle coverage 9.6% and will decrease per unmanned aircraft coverage -11.5%.

Worker's Compensation Program- Presented by Tammy Vitali

VCJPA on average 61 claims filed annually over the last few years. The average cost per claim for 2024 increased significantly due to the rising cost of health care. The average cost per claim in 2024 for indemnity claims is \$52,440 and \$816 for medical only claims. We have seen a significant decrease in indemnity claims in 2025 which are averaging \$18,046 per claim. This significant decrease was due to one catastrophic claim in 2024. AIMS also discussed the importance of remaining in communication with the injured worker and if accommodations are available to utilize getting the injured worker back to work.

At the beginning of the conference, we reviewed the overall financial position of the VCJPA with Sarah Thurston, the JPA's new finance manager. Overall net position and liquidity remain strong. Investment income earned for the year was just under 1.5 million, and our net position increased by 16% since last year. There was also a 14% reduction in total claims this last year, so District's are doing a very good job of reducing risk.

The APD (Auto Physical Damage) Program funding was discussed at length. Currently the APD program is funded through an annual contribution of \$157.99 per vehicle, with vehicles valued in excess of \$75,000 that elect additional coverage are counted as 2 vehicles. Per the actuary, vehicle contribution rates will go up to 173.19 per vehicle, showing a 9.6% increase, beginning in 2026. This year the actuary also recommended creating a minimum fund balance of \$230,000 for the APD program as there is not one currently established. This would mean collecting an additional \$230,000 from the member Districts. There is currently a net position of \$695,023 for the APD program, and there have been very minimal claims for this program. Membership consensus seemed to be to explore the idea of collecting \$230,000 over 3-5 years instead of all of it in one year, and those costs will be presented at the April VCJPA Board meeting.

There were some employment practices and legal updates to go over during the meeting. Ethics training has now been expanded to include department heads and administrators, not just Board members, and will have to be taken every 2 years. SB 513 now adds education or training records to the category of personnel records, and must make them available to employees or their representatives upon request. There also was an expansion to the Brown Act that allows for teleconferencing for specific circumstances called "just cause". Examples of these circumstances are contagious illness, immunocompromised family member, childcare, travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency, etc. These new rules indicate that there still must be a quorum at one location and its location is posted publicly, and the just cause participant must disclose a general description of the reason of their just cause to teleconference. Teleconferencing must be both visual and audio but there would not be a requirement to post the location of the participant. This can be used two times per year, if meetings regularly occur monthly.

During the ERMA portion of the conference, many member Districts inquired if ERMA would be providing financial literacy training for Board members since ERMA already provides sexual harassment and ethics trainings for Board members. Chris Williams, ERMA's risk control consultant and representative, indicated that at this time, ERMA felt that financial literacy training was not within their scope of safety and risk prevention and would not be including this training for Trustees, however, he did mention that it may be something they include in the future and it is on their radar. I also asked Chris if ERMA would be providing longer and more in-depth safety trainings in the future, as the ones currently being offered are too short and don't cover enough topics. He said that is a goal of

their new zywave platform that they recently expanded to in the coming year, and that they had recognized that this was an issue.

Another issue that was discussed was that earlier in the year, the ERMA board decided that the Contra Costa Mosquito District was now going to have to increase their self-insured retention layer from \$25,000 to \$50,000 because they met all the criteria due to their claims experience and size. This would have caused a gap in coverage for that District since the VCJPA pooled layer pays up to \$25,000 and now ERMA would be \$50,000 to \$1,000,000. Fortunately, VCJPA was able to appeal this decision to the ERMA Board and the ERMA board decided to allow Contra Costa to remain at the \$25,000 SIR, however they want VCJPA to discuss increasing VCJPA's attachment point to ERMA to \$50,000 and/or develop a plan should any other member be required to raise their retention. This will probably mean an increase in contributions from member Districts to be able to raise the SIR to \$50,000 from \$25,000.

Liability claims overview is showing a continuing trend of employment practices claims becoming a higher percentage of our total claims. This is largely because they take much longer from inception to disposition, while auto claims are resolved relatively quickly. The basis for the open EPL claims that are currently open are from retaliation claims, sexual harassment, harassment for reasons other than sex/gender, discrimination, or a combination of the above categories.

Back in 2024, the VCJPA Board formed an AI ad hoc committee for the purpose of discussing various aspects of AI. The ad hoc committee created an Artificial Intelligence Use Policy for the VCJPA to abide by as well as guidelines that member Districts can follow to create their own AI use policy. There was no requirement by the VCJPA at this time to adopt their policy, or any policy at this time. Their advice was, however, that member Districts should create a resolution passed by their Board for AI use. They recommended going to San Jose's GovAI Coalition website for additional resources, such as template policies members may use to establish their own AI use policies.

At the end of the presentations, service providers were asked to step out so that members could conduct a review of their services over the past year. For the most part, service providers' scores went down from the previous years. Poor communication with the members seemed to be the chief complaint. There also seemed to be some issues with a lot of turnover in the last year which I believe probably played a big role in why communication was down this year.



Twin Rivers Charter School: "Puddle Science" Booth -- February 25, 2026 (6-7pm)

Last week, Zach, Darrell, and I (Moriah) hosted a booth at Twin Rivers Charter School's STEM night, an event that was once annual, but this had been the first in about a decade. We were asked to contribute to their puddle science station, by manning a booth that taught kids aged K-8th grade about the mosquito lifecycle, importance of standing water, and mosquito control. In addition to our normal booth set-up, we brought a tank filled with mosquito fish, a case of insects (and some invertebrates) that are aquatic-affiliated, a microscope with the different life stages of mosquitoes fixed in resin, and educational materials including puzzles about mosquitoes and standing water, fact sheets, and other pertinent information. The event was curated so that the middle of the gymnasium contained a circular array of tables set up with different "science experiments" and local businesses and entities set up their booths on the perimeter, closest to what experiment related to them. I'd estimate around 8 other local vendors/businesses were represented, including Beale AFB and the Ag office. Children with their parents freely moved around the gymnasium and attended different booths and stations while classes cycled on and off the stage to play songs on Marimbas. I would estimate there was roughly 100-150 people in attendance. Overall, many children got a kick out of using a microscope to see how small the mosquito eggs are and the fact that larvae are aquatic and breath "through their butts." I believe we were also able to impart to the parents how important it is to eliminate standing water, specifically by showing them how small the invasive *aedes* eggs actually are and explaining that they can survive desiccation.