

SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS HEARING

AND

2017 CERTIFIED TAX RATE HEARING

(2018 PROPOSED BUDGET)

15 June 2017

1. Presiding: La Vone Liddle, Chair 2017
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: 2020 North Redwood Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Trustees Present: La Vone Liddle, Chair 2017
Carlton Christensen, Vice Chair
Dr. Dagmar Vitek
Maureen M. Wilson
Trustees Excused: Karen Okabe
Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., District Manager
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Manager
Aleta Fairbanks, District CFO
No members of the public were present

Posting and advertising of this meeting was done in compliance with Utah's Open Meetings Act and State budget requirements. This meeting is not an official budget hearing because there are no changes to the District's overall revenues or expenditures; only a few line items will be adjusted.

2. 2017 Budget Amendments:

- A. Explanation of Proposed 2017 Budget Amendments and Discussion:

Manager Faraji presented proposed line-item amendments to the 2017 General and Capital Projects Fund Budgets. The proposed changes for the General Fund disbursements include an increase in Computer/GPS – Software/Hardware costs from \$31,000 to \$40,000; an increase in Safety & Welfare Expense from \$5,000 to \$9,000; an increase in Electrical Power from \$12,500 to \$14,500; an increase in Security Alarm Monitoring from \$1,000 to \$1,500; an increase in Laboratory & Surveillance from \$25,000 to \$35,000; an increase in Fish Rearing & Maintenance from \$2,000 to \$3,000; and, a decrease in Spraying Materials from \$421,000 to \$394,500. There were no modifications made to the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Budget.

B. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

3. 2017 Certified Tax Rate Hearing:

A. Presentation of 2017 Certified Tax Rate:

The Certified Tax Rate for 2016 was 0.000168; the maximum Certified Tax Rate that the District can collect in 2017 is 0.000160. This Certified Tax Rate is expected to generate approximately \$3,027,463. Unfortunately, this is only about a 2.5% increase over 2016's income, which is insufficient. Manager Faraji anticipates at least a 3% increase for administration costs, alone, over the District's 2016 budget. Additionally, the cost of pesticides, fuel, power/electric, and other commodities have risen by close to 5%. The small increase in revenue through the certified tax rate inherently imposes that the District should go through Truth in Taxation and raise taxes every few years in order to keep up with inflation and increasing costs.

B. Proposed 2018 Budget and Discussion:

Manager Faraji distributed and reviewed the anticipated financial data required to meet the District's monetary needs during 2018. Two full-time positions will need to be filled. One position will be a replacement of an upcoming vacancy, and the other will be a new position. Manager Faraji informed the Board that, as part of our Five-Year Plan and 2015 Tax Increase justification, the District had budgeted and anticipated adding up to five new full-time positions in the next few years. Currently, Education Specialist Greg Jensen has accepted a teaching position and will be resigning from the District mid-August. Manager Faraji would also like to hire a new Maintenance / VCT / Mechanic's Assistant who will be able to meet the increasing maintenance needs of our new facility and to be able to assist Mechanic John Feragen in the coming years.

C. Public Comments:


There were no public comments.

4. Adjournment:

Trustee Wilson made a motion to adjourn the 2017 Budget Amendments and Certified Tax Rate Hearing. Trustee Vitek seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.


Ary Faraji, District Manager

20 JUL 2017
Date


La Vone Liddle, Board Chair

20 July 2017
Date