

Date: November 24, 2013

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Bill Pitcher, Trustee, MSMVCD

Subject: Trustee Meeting November 13, 2013

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The Board of trustees for the Marin-Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District met on the morning of November 13, 2013.

Brent Ives, the Mayor of Tracy, conducted a 4 Hour Training Course originating from BHI Management Association. The purpose of the training was to provide resource information on developing a Mission Statement, a Financial Plan, and multi-year Strategic Plan.

In the near future, a subcommittee of trustees will begin working on a draft plan. I will forward a copy of the draft in order to encourage City input. I have included an outline of the training for your review.

I am also participating on a subcommittee, interacting with a group of Communities in West Marin, focusing on potential contamination of groundwater by pesticides. We met on November 18, 2013, to discuss alternatives to “Agnique,” an oil used to control Culex pipiens in defective septic systems. “Agnique” is no longer being manufactured by the parent company.

West Marin and Sonoma Counties have shallow ground water do to the specific geology of the coastal zone. Wells less than fifty feet deep may not provide adequate filtration of toxic chemicals.