

Subject: Request for Public Meeting to Hear Truth in Taxation Report - South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Dear Sandy City Council
Attn Dustin Fratto

In accordance with **Utah Code §17B-1-1003(2)**, the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District respectfully requests that Sandy City schedule time in a public meeting to hear a report from the District's Board Representative appointed by the city Florence Reynolds or their designee) regarding the District's intent to increase its property tax rate.

Report Summary:

The South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District hereby announces its intent to levy a property tax rate that exceeds the current certified tax rate, thereby increasing the current property tax.

The proposed increase amounts to \$320,000, which would bring the District's total property tax revenue to \$1,420,000 for the 2026 calendar year. This additional increase would fulfill the purpose of:

- Cost Stabilization for Essential Services – \$160,000
To sustain uninterrupted service levels, restore key programs such as Public Relations and Black Fly Control, and maintain the District's financial health.
- Operational Enhancements – \$100,000
To expand drone-based surveillance and treatment, upgrade data systems for improved responsiveness, and implement ecologically conscious control measures.
- Capital Budget Increase – \$60,000
To support future capital projects, modernize the fleet and equipment, and expand laboratory capabilities.

This represents an approximate 29.09% increase over the current certified tax rate. For context, the average homeowner with a property valued at \$600,000 would see an estimated annual increase of \$0.77, while a business owner with property valued at \$600,000 would see an estimated annual increase of \$1.40.

A Public Hearing regarding this proposed tax increase will be held on **December 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Offices**. The hearing will also be accessible virtually via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81630315463>.

The District kindly requests that this report be heard at a public meeting that:

- Complies with the Open and Public Meetings Act (Title 52, Chapter 4);
- Includes the report as a separate agenda item;
- Is held within 40 days of receiving this request.

Please note that **Utah Code §17B-1-1003(2)(d)(ii)** provides that:

"If the legislative entity fails to hear the report at a public meeting that meets the criteria described in Subsection (2)(c), the trustee reporting requirements under this section shall be considered satisfied."

While the District hopes to present this report in a timely and transparent manner, according to this clause, this request ensures that the District's statutory obligations are met even if the report is not heard or has previously been heard during a public meeting. Please communicate with the District

Board Member (Florence Reynolds) appointed by your city for details and scheduling. They are cc'd on this email. Also included on this email is a summarized page of the proposed tax increase and the public notice for public handout during requested meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of public health initiatives in our community.

Sincerely,
South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District