Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2024 Budget Notes

**Background**: The LFICD provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided on the ground or aerially following an analysis of conditions with reimbursement from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”). Additional information is available on our website (https://www.lficd.org/).

**Fiscal Year**: The VAA fiscal year (“FY”) is 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.

**Treatment Acreage**: The LFICD’s 2024 budget assumes two full aerial treatments for the Lemon Fair Valley (1,000 acres) in Cornwall, Bridport, and Weybridge. 2023 had significant mosquito activity and we expect that we will have an early treatment and perhaps a second one. Previous years’ actual aerial treatment acreage: none from 2018 to 2023, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.

**Larviciding**: We will continue to use 3rd party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct treatment on the ground when and where necessary.

**Grant Agreement**: We operate under a 12-month VAA Grant Agreement which is renewed annually effective July 1 of each year. The current Grant Agreement expires June 30, 2024. While we have received no formal commitments from the VAA, we anticipate that our Grant Agreement will be renewed effective July 1, 2024. All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.

**Revenue**: Our revenue comes from two sources: the VAA Grant Agreement and the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. We are requesting $12,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge, up from $6,000 each. VAA revenue is a function of the amount available from the VAA under our annual Grant agreement ($70,000) and how much we incur in reimbursable expenses, e.g., cost of aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and species identification and capital expenditures.

**Expenses:**  Because of the increase in mosquitoes in the 2023 season, the FY 2024 budget assumes two 1,000-acre aerial treatments at a cost of $60,000 with replacement larvicide purchases of $40,000. Payroll is budgeted for $60,000 compared to 2023’s (estimated) actual of $57,231.83.

**Otter Creek Watershed Mosquito Control District (“OCW”)**: Whenever possible, we attempt to coordinate same aerial day treatments with the OCW (formerly known as the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury Goshen Insect Control District, “BLSG”).