COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2022

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High -76 Low -46 Ave. -62

Days Clear – 9 Overcast – 14

Service Requests – None Rain – 1 ½"

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The District's winter surveillance program continued throughout the month. District personnel continue to routinely inspect public areas such as street gutters, catch basins, box drains, etc. for any evidence of mosquito breeding. Though no rain was recorded during the month, District personnel continue to keep up their search efforts to identify mosquito breeding. Ultimately, there was no mosquito breeding located during any of these inspections.

Due to the rains that occurred throughout Los Angeles County last month, the Compton Creek has a good flow which has flushed out any pockets of standing water, thus relieving areas of the Creek from the chance of becoming a source of mosquito-breeding. Throughout the year, this area will be monitored for any evidence that would suggest a buildup of vegetation that could restrict the flow of water. If a potential buildup is identified, it will be dealt with quickly.

During the month, District personnel completed vehicle and shop maintenance during the month. Spraying equipment was inspected, serviced, and calibrated, a requirement of the California Department of Public Health, that is performed every year. All weeds have been cut and removed, and the District's spraying vehicle has been serviced and is ready for operations.

There is no new information regarding West Nile virus (WNv) or other mosquito-borne disease to report on. No reports have been filed in the State, County, or the District. It is anticipated the WNv hotline will be activated on April 11, 2022.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The District has continued its public awareness campaign to promote public safety through effective mosquito control and shared public responsibility. Social media platforms are being updated daily with information, stories, and best practices for how to protect yourself from mosquitoes. District personnel are also in the field each day distributing mosquito awareness literature and promoting the District's message directly to residents. Finally, the District participates in City-wide events, when available, with an informational booth, literature about mosquitoes, and swag for all attendees.

COVID-19

As a health safeguard against COVID-19, District personnel wear masks and gloves when out in public. District vehicles are equipped with bottles of soap, disposable gloves, homemade masks, and respirators, if needed, for spraying purposes. District personnel are always masked and practice social distancing, including when working in the District shop and backyard.

Annexation

There is not much to report this month. The annexation process has stalled because of staffing issues at the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LALAFCO). The surveyor has completed 6 of the 16 maps that are required and is waiting for approval of these maps from LALAFCO. After every map has been completed and approved by the appropriate agencies, LALAFCO will guide the District through the next steps in the process.

Meetings and Conferences

Health concerns permitting, the next conference is the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Washington, DC event. Member Districts can meet with legislators to convey the needs of the AMCA and their own Districts. This event is scheduled for May 17-18, 2022, and is normally hosted at the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria, VA. If anyone would like to attend, please let me know.

The Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) announced their 2023 annual conference will be held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim on January 29-31, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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