COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 86 Low – 50 Ave. – 64

Days Clear – 11 Overcast – 8

Service Requests – None Rain – Trace

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 has been recorded, in what historically has been the rainiest months of the year, warm weather caused District personnel to keep up their search efforts to identify mosquito breeding. However, no mosquito breeding was located during any of these inspections.

Due to the rains received throughout Los Angeles County, the Compton Creek was once again flushed of any standing water, thus relieving areas of the chance of becoming a mosquito-breeding source. 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.

Vehicle and shop maintenance was performed by District personnel during the month. Spraying equipment was inspected, serviced, and readied for calibration, a requirement that is performed every year. Weed control has started in the backyard and all refuse generated has been disposed of.

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.

<u>Annexation</u>

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.

Conflict of Interest Form 700

Members of the Board have been given copies of Conflict-of-Interest Form 700 to complete and return to the District Office. Members who are elected officials are asked to provide a copy of their Form 700 page 1 to the District office for filing. This annual form that all board members and the general managers/executives must complete is filed with Los Angeles County and the California Fair-Political Practices Commission to ensure all qualified government officials abide by the California Political Reform Act.

Computer Tablets

At January's regular Board meeting, I was instructed to obtain information concerning computer tablets for Board members. After extensive research and speaking with people with knowledge of these subjects, It has been decided that the Apple iPad would be the best option for the District. Costs are relatively the same as other brands and the iPad is easy to set-up and use. As instructed by the Board, I have acquired quotes from major carriers for the Board to help inform the best path forward for the District.

Two major carriers can provide wireless/cellular services for \$10 each per month, the District would have to purchase the IPADs and have them 'set-up' by the carriers themselves. Cost of the IPAD is between \$365-\$400.

Meetings and Conferences

Health concerns permitting, the next conference is the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Washington DC event. Members Districts have the opportunity to 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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