

## COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023

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#### **WEATHER**

Temperatures at Noon: High – 70 Low – 48 Ave. – 62

Days Clear – 6 Overcast – 14

Service Requests – None Rain – 4 1/8

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#### **OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Due to this month's rain, regular wintertime mosquito inspections were decreased, and efforts were directed at working in the District building. Out of the inspections that were performed, no mosquito breeding was found. Cleaning, organizing, and preparing for the spring/summer mosquito cycle occupied most of the District's time.

Regarding Compton Creek, last month's rain flushed out any remaining pockets of standing water, thereby eliminating any chance for mosquito breeding to occur. Further, the areas of the creek that were cleared out by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) have allowed water to flow freely. Throughout the year, this area will be monitored for any evidence suggesting a buildup of vegetation that could restrict the flow of water. If a potential buildup is identified, it will be dealt with quickly.

There is no new information to report on West Nile virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne diseases. No reports have been filed in the State, County, or District. It is still being determined whether the WNV hotline will be in operation this year or in the future.

Members of the Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) are divided about the value of collecting and testing dead birds. More will be known after the January 2023 MVCAC Board of Directors.

#### **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 updated daily with information, stories, and best practices for protecting yourself from mosquitoes. District personnel are also in the field daily, distributing mosquito awareness literature and promoting the District's message directly to residents. Finally, when available, the District participates in City-wide events 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 in public. District vehicles are equipped with soap bottles, disposable gloves, homemade masks, and respirators, if needed, for spraying purposes. District personnel are always masked and practice social distancing, including while working in the District shop and backyard.

## Annexation

The first step in the District's annexation plan continues. The surveyors are working with the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LALAFCO) to complete the required maps. The District is included in all correspondence between the surveyors and LALAFCO. An update from the surveyor is included in the Board documents for the February 20, 2023, Board meeting.

## Board Meeting Dates

At the Board Meeting on January 23, 2023, there was a discussion regarding the District setting a fixed date for each month's meeting. After discussion, District staff was instructed to research and present an answer to the question of Board meeting dates. I read California Health & Safety Code section 2000 and spoke with District Counsel. To summarize:

Health and Safety Code section 2020 provides, in pertinent part: 'The board of trustees shall establish policies for the operation of the district.'

Existing Board policies set forth the meeting requirements: "Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The Board may cancel a monthly meeting due to holidays or when it is determined that no regular business is needed for consideration."

As per the District's Policy Manual section 1040.11: "Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The Board may cancel a monthly meeting due to holidays or when it is determined that no regular business is needed for consideration."

It is always the Board's prerogative to amend this policy at any time.

## Job Position Vacancy Announcement

The announcement for the District to fill its new job position, Assistant to the General Manager, continues to be advertised on the MVCAC jobs bulletin board and the District's social media platforms.

During the month, I attended the MVCAC annual conference in Anaheim, talking with folks about this job position and encouraging people to review this job position.

## MVCAC Annual Conference

During the month, the District's seasonal mosquito technician and I attended the MVCAC annual conference in Anaheim, CA. It was very informative; the main topics of discussion were new mosquito products, the use of drones, and Sterile Insect Technology (SIT). Districts are beginning

to purchase the products and machines to produce these sterile mosquitoes. Naturally, it will take time to evaluate the effects of this program, and the Board will be kept up to date on this project.

#### Meetings and Conferences

The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) will host its annual in-person conference in Reno, NV, from February 27 through March 3, 2023. The AMCA also announced that its next annual conference will be held in Dallas, TX. The AMCA will have its Washington DC advocacy days on May 15-17, 2023, where attendees will receive updates on mosquito and vector issues and arrange meetings with legislators to discuss them. If anybody would like to attend, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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