

COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 68 Low – 54 Ave. – 62

Days Clear – 7 Overcast – 21

Service Requests – None Rain – ¼"

OPERATIONAL REPORT

This month, the District's Seasonal Technician began his six-month work cycle. After watching safety videos, reviewing mosquito and District operational procedures, and having the spray vehicle readied, the District has officially started its regular spraying operations routine. However, unseasonably cool nighttime temperatures have slowed the onset of the mosquito-breeding season this year. During regular inspections, mosquito breeding was found in relatively few locations, and the District received zero calls from the public asking for service requests.

Neglected swimming pools received the District's full attention during the month. Neglected swimming pools are the primary source of the *Culex* mosquito in the District since they collect rainwater during the rainy season. District personnel work with residents with these swimming pools to relieve this mosquito hazard by either pumping water from the pool into underground sewer lines or applying pesticides. This month, District personnel inspected 146 swimming pools, pumped out water from 6, and treated 6, a low number for this time of year.

During the month, the District performed one inspection of Compton Creek. The Army Corps of Engineers also cleaned up the Creek as part of their ongoing maintenance obligations. They cleared the Creek of any vegetation and debris that had accumulated in order to restore the flow of water and remove any areas where water could pool, thereby eliminating the potential for mosquito breeding.

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 conducted every year. Weed control has been completed in the backyard, and all refuse generated has been disposed of. The fishpond has been drained and cleaned, providing a safe habitat for the fish.

There is no new information to report on West Nile virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne diseases, and no reports have been filed in the State, County, or District. The WNV hotline was activated on April 15, 2023.

MANAGER'S REPORT

PUBLIC EDUCATION

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 on 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 while in public. District vehicles are equipped with soap bottles, disposable gloves, masks, and respirators, if needed, for spraying. District personnel are always masked and practice social distancing when working and talking with residents.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-2024

The required paperwork for producing and presenting the District's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget has been completed and will be part of the Board Packet sent to all members for the May 22, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, where approving this proposed budget will be an action item. If any changes are required to the proposed budget, they will be incorporated into a new amended budget. The final agreed-upon budget and the other legal documents necessary to enact the District's benefit assessment charge will be presented for the Board's review and approval at the District's public meeting in June 2023.

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. District personnel continue to speak with different agencies outside of mosquito control districts for people to submit applications and resumes

ANNEXATION

The first step in the District's annexation plan is still a work in progress. Most of the maps have been created. The District's surveyors are working with the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LALAFCO) to define parameters and the necessary additions to complete the remaining maps. The District is included in all correspondence between the surveyors and LALAFCO.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

All meetings and conferences scheduled for 2022-2023 have been met. The next scheduled conference will be the California Special District Association annual conference in Monterey, California, on August 28-30, 2023. I will pass additional information along to Members of the Board, including specific details about conference registration and hotel reservations, when available.

Respectfully submitted:

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