

COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT FOR JUNE 2023

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 70 Low – 62 Ave. – 66

Days Clear – 10 Overcast – 12

Service Requests – One Rain – None

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The District's inspection and spraying program continued on a full-time basis during the month. District personnel are fully engaged in working to control mosquito-breeding sources and searching for unknown mosquito-breeding sites. District personnel speak with residents daily to inquire about potential mosquito-breeding sources and to provide them with literature and expertise on protecting themselves from mosquitoes. Most mosquito-breeding sites were discovered late in the month, and that is normal for this time of the year.

Our previous efforts to work with residents to drain standing water from neglected swimming pools are now paying dividends. Neglected swimming pools are the main source of the mosquito that transmits the West Nile virus, *Culex quinquefasciatus*, in the District. Fifteen swimming pools were inspected this month, and no mosquito breeding was found during any of these inspections.

One inspection of the Compton Creek was performed, and no mosquito breeding was found in this area.

Mosquito breeding in public areas such as street gutters, box drains, and catch basins continues to be the number one focus for spraying because most of the mosquito breeding in the District comes from these public areas.

During the month, we applied pesticides more than 300 times in these areas, and we have been able to control all instances of breeding that have been found.

Regarding West Nile virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne diseases, there have been no human cases to report. Of the mosquito pools, which are mosquito samples sent by mosquito districts throughout the State for testing at the State Laboratory at UC Davis, less than 10% of the tested samples have been positive for WNV. Around 6% of the crows and ravens, which are the main spreaders of WNV, have tested positive for WNV.

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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.

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. When at least three applications are submitted, they will be presented to the Board for discussion.

ANNEXATION

The first step in the District's annexation plan is close to completion. All maps have been created within the parameters defined by the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LALAFCO). LALAFCO is working to verify all maps, and when this process is completed, the District will take the next step in the annexation process. The District is included in all correspondence between the surveyors and LALAFCO.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

This month, the District purchased a new desktop computer and monitor for the office. The previous computer was five years old and would not accept updates to it.

ACTION ITEMS ON THE JULY AGENDA

- Resolution 04-2023 regards the District Modernization Plan. In 2018, the Board of Trustees, recognizing the age of the District's headquarters building, approved a plan to modernize the District's headquarters. After determining the amount of funding required for this project, the Board initially set aside reserve funds of \$350,000 (three hundred-fifty thousand dollars) and has increased this amount annually. This new contribution of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand) will increase the overall funding to \$600,000 (six hundred thousand dollars) for this modernization project.

- Resolution 05-2023 regards amending the District's Personnel Policy Manual, District Observed Holidays section, to include the Juneteenth Holiday and deleting Cesar Chavez Day. To keep the District updated regarding Federal holidays, I am asking the Board to approve this amendment to the District's Personnel Policy Manual.

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MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The first scheduled conference of the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be the California Special District Association annual conference in Monterey, California, on August 28-30, 2023. Information regarding this conference has been distributed to all members of the Board, including specific details about conference registration and hotel reservations, when available.

Respectfully submitted:

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