

COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 92 Low – 76 Ave. – 74

Days clear – 17 Overcast – 6

Service Requests – 6 Rain – 2 ½”

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The District's inspection and spray program continued throughout the month on a full-time basis. District personnel are in the field daily, working to identify and control mosquito breeding sources within the District, notably in public areas such as street gutters and catch basins.

The District continues to work with residents to drain standing water from neglected swimming pools. With the unusual rain the District experienced during the month, District personnel revisited the empty/neglected swimming pools and removed the standing water in them that has accumulated during the rainstorm. This month District personnel performed 24 swimming pool inspections and found mosquito breeding in 4 of these swimming pools which were treated at the time of the inspections.

Public areas of the District have been the priority focus of the District. Since mosquito breeding has been found in the District's street gutters, box drains, and catch basins in certain areas, District personnel are putting most of their time and efforts into containing these sources. Virtually all streets in the District hold some amount of standing water, and these are the areas of most concern to the District. This month, 335 inspections were performed in these public areas.

One inspection of the Compton Creek was performed with no mosquito breeding found. Previous maintenance work performed by the Army Corps of Engineers continues to pay dividends, as evidenced by a consistent flow of water, which prevents the creation of stagnant pools ideal for mosquito breeding. One item of note, after the rainstorm, several abandoned vehicles were found in the area North of the tunnels. In early September, the Department of Public Works removed these vehicles.

Mosquitoes are now beginning to test positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in the county, mainly in the San Fernando Valley and the eastern areas. There is no evidence of WNV here in the

District. In California, there are now 16 human cases and two resulting deaths. Most trouble spots in the State are in the San Joaquin Valley.

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.

ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- The first item is offering a contract for the job position of Assistant to the General Manager to one of the applicants that were interviewed by the Board of Trustees. After advertising, speaking with many people, setbacks in the process, and closed sessions for interviewing applicants, the District has reached the final stage in the hiring process by voting to offer an applicant a contract with the District.
- The next item is to vote on nominees to fill the open position of alternate on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. Board President Ali is on the ballot and this vote shows District support for President Ali.

DISTRICT MODERNIZATION PLAN

In January 2018, through Resolution 01-2018, the Board unanimously approved a plan to modernize or replace the District building and encumber funds for this project. The reason for this plan was the age of the building, 56 years old, no heating or air conditioning, and most importantly, there is little room in the office to conduct the District Board meetings. After realizing costs, the plan was put on hold so the District can accumulate more funds.

Since 2018, the District has increased the funding for this modernization plan to \$600,000 (six hundred thousand). These funds are included in District reserves and are encumbered for this project.

Today, modern technology has shown the plan the District approved in 2018 can be accomplished at a cost within the District's budget for this project. To that end, working with the Board President and District counsel, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was written for architectural services to provide the scope of work to be performed. Items include:

- New flooring – carpet tiles
- New ceiling tiles
- Replace casework
- Exterior painting, including all exterior ramps.
- New door hardware, locks, etc.
- Repair/Replace siding as necessary
- Demo existing coverings and replace with 1” horizontal mini blinds
- Update plumbing fixtures and paint restroom
- Add air conditioning and heating and ventilation (HVAC)
- New power and data to TV location
- Upgrade lighting to LED
- Install 2 ceiling mounted data jacks

This would be the District's first modernization plan since 1991 when the cement wall and the front gate and pillars were installed and will enhance all the District's efforts in protecting the public health of the residents in the District.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) will be holding its annual conference in Monterey, CA, January 21-24, 2024. The conference hotel has limited rooms. If anybody would like to attend this conference, please let me know so that arrangements can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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