

## COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2023

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#### WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon:      High – 94      Low – 70      Ave. – 74

Days clear – 19                      Overcast – 2

Service Requests – Two              Rain – None

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#### 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. District personnel performed eight swimming pool inspections this month but found no mosquito breeding.

Public areas of the District have been the priority focus of the District this month. 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, 326 inspections were performed in these public areas.

Two inspections of the Compton Creek were 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.

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. Most trouble spots in the State are in the San Joaquin Valley, where there are two confirmed human cases to report.

## **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.

### **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. On July 31, 2023, the Board conducted a Special Meeting regarding this item.

### **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.

### **ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- Resolution 05-2023 regards amending the District's Personnel Policy Manual, District Observed Holidays section, to include the Juneteenth Holiday. To keep the District updated regarding Federal holidays, I am asking the Board to approve this amendment to the District's Personnel Policy Manual.
- Nomination of Board President Ali to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Since 1994, special districts in Los Angeles County have been represented by two voting members and one alternate member of LAFCO Board. The current alternate member has announced his resignation and an election has been called to fill the remaining time on the alternate position, which ends in May 2026. Board President Ali would like the Board to nominate him for this alternate position on the LAFCO Board.

### BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

All of the paperwork necessary for the District to receive its Benefit Assessment funds has been completed and filed with the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller. Three of these documents were completed at the District office, and the County Auditor-Controller provided the remaining document. These Benefit Assessment funds are collected simultaneously as property taxes are collected.

### 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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General Manager