

COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 82 Low – 64 Average – 68

Days Clear – 18 Overcast –4

Service Requests – 5 Rain – None

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The District's winter-time inspection and spraying program began this month. Since cooler temperatures aid in slowing or eliminating mosquito-breeding sources, the District's normal spraying operations are halted, and spraying is performed only when mosquito-breeding is found. Inspections continue to be performed, and residents are continuously updated on steps they can take in helping to control mosquitoes throughout the District.

The problems with neglected swimming pools, usually a prime mosquito-breeding source, remained minimal during the month. We continue to see positive impacts from the cooperative efforts between the District and residents earlier this year, which allowed District personnel to drain the water from their neglected swimming pools. Two swimming pool inspections were performed this month, with no mosquito breeding found.

Street gutters, box drains, and catch basins continue to receive our full attention. There is standing water on virtually every street in the District, with all of them having the potential to breed mosquitoes. This month, two mosquito-breeding sources were found and treated at the time of the inspection.

Regarding mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus (WNV), historically, the late summer months produce the highest WNV results. After being bitten by a mosquito, it can take up to 6 to 8 weeks for the virus to take effect on humans, meaning that anyone impacted today was bitten by a mosquito sometime in August or September, the warmest time of the summer throughout California and when mosquitoes are most prevalent. At the time of this writing, there are currently 99 human cases and 6 fatalities. There has been no evidence of WNV in the District and only a nominal amount in Los Angeles County. Most of the state's WNV infections originate in Tulare County in the San Joaquin Valley in Central California.

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 examples of how to protect yourself from mosquitoes. District personnel are also in the field every day distributing mosquito awareness literature that promotes 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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the month, Mr. Franklin has been studying all materials in anticipation of his taking the State Certification Applicators License test on November 16, 2023. Mr. Franklin and I have been talking about District operations and functions, and he is being updated on all District activities now and in the future.

DISTRICT BUILDING REHABILITATION PROJECT

In the September Board meeting, the Board was updated regarding the District Rehabilitation Project, notably working with District Counsel to write a Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural services. During October, Board President Ali and District staff conducted virtual meetings with District counsel to clearly define District needs and to finalize the RFP. The finalized RFP has been sent to various architectural firms with a due date back to the District of November 14. When the RFPs are received, District counsel, Board President Ali, and District staff will confer and select the best proposal. The selected proposal will be presented to the Board at the November Board meeting for Board affirmation.

During the month, the motor to the front gate failed. The company that installed the motor was contacted, and it was determined that the solar-powered batteries had failed. The batteries have been ordered, and we are waiting for them to be delivered to the gate company so they may install them on the gate for the District.

During the month, the District's Auditors visited the District office to compile all financial data so they may complete the audit for the fiscal year of 2022-2023. All information was presented to the auditor, including county financial data, the checkbook ledger, requisitions, accountant reports, state and federal tax reports, and agendas and minutes for the fiscal year. Assistant to the General Manager Franklin was present during this time to learn what documents were needed and other details so that he could work to produce this information for District audits in future fiscal years.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Manager