

COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 72 Low – 56 Average – 66

Days Clear – 9 Overcast – 11

Service Requests – None Rain – 1”

OPERATIONAL REPORT

The District's winter-time inspection and spraying program continued 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 to help 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 neglected swimming pools. This month, one swimming pool inspection was performed by District personnel, and mosquito-breeding was found and promptly treated.

Street gutters, box drains, and catch basins continue to receive our full attention. There is standing water on almost 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 inspections.

Due to rainy days and cool nighttime temperatures, no inspections of Compton Creek were performed.

Regarding mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus (WNV), historically, the late summer months produce the highest WNV results. After someone has been bitten by a mosquito, it can take six to eight weeks for the virus to take effect on humans, meaning that anyone impacted today was bitten by a mosquito sometime before November. At the time of this writing, there are currently 371 human cases and 13 fatalities in the state of California. There has been no evidence of WNV in the District and only 47 cases in Los Angeles County. Most of the state's WNV infections are located here in Los Angeles County or originate in the numerous counties throughout the Central 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.

DISTRICT REHAB PROJECT

Discussions have been ongoing with LPA Inc., and a negotiated contract has yet to be reached in time to include this item on the December agenda. When more information is available, it will be passed along to all Board members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYEES

For professional development, the California Special District Association (CSDA) offers a variety of programs to its members. These programs offer both live events and webinars that work to increase professional development for District Managers. Programs include reviewing the Ralph M. Brown Act, agency finance, and a Special District Leadership Academy. Assistant to the General Manager Franklin has signed up to participate in a Brown Act webinar and is managing his schedule so he can attend or view other professional development classes.

Every day, John and I review a document that I have been writing describing the aspects and responsibilities of the position of General Manager. This document articulates the District's daily, monthly, quarterly, and yearly functions. This document includes who the District works with in government circles and all the District's vendors.

Assistant to the General Manager Franklin has been working to update and change the names on the District credit cards, telephone and internet providers, and other vendors to update their files. He is currently working with Bank of America, where the District has its safe deposit box and checking account, to update the signature card list of both accounts.

ANNEXATION

The map-making process for the District's annexation program of parcels continues. The District's surveyor and the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LALAFCO) continue to negotiate on boundaries and other items to make these maps exact. The documents for the January Board meeting include an estimated timeline created by LAFCO when this project first began.

MVCAC CONFERENCE

All registrations, hotel reservations, and airplane flights have been made for Trustee Bowers and Assistant to the General Manager John Franklin to attend the Mosquito & Vector Control

Association of California (MVCAC) annual conference in Monterey, California, from January 22-24, 2024.

One of the main topics to be presented and discussed will be Sterile Insect Technology (SIT). Mosquito and vector control districts in parts of California and other States have begun using SIT technology. They are showing satisfactory results in keeping the mosquito population much lower than normal in the areas where SIT is used.

Trustee Bowers and Mr. Franklin will update the Board about discussion items at the conference at the January Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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