

**COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024**

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon:	High – 68	Low – 48	Ave. – 66
Days Clear – 9	Overcast – 12		
Service Requests – None	Rain – 1.5”		

OPERATIONAL REPORT

Weather permitting, the District’s winter surveillance program continued throughout the month. District personnel continue to routinely inspect public areas, such as street gutters, catch basins, box drains, etc., for any evidence of mosquito breeding. Due to this month’s rain, District personnel conducted a small number of inspections, and no mosquito breeding was located during any of these inspections.

Regarding the Compton Creek, this month’s rain flushed out any remaining pockets of standing water, thereby eliminating any chance for mosquito breeding to occur. Throughout the year, District personnel will monitor this area for any evidence that would suggest a buildup of vegetation that could restrict the flow of water. If District personnel find a potential buildup, they will deal with this buildup quickly.

District personnel performed vehicle and shop maintenance during the month. They also inspected, serviced, and readied spraying equipment for calibration, a requirement that is performed every year. Weed control has started in the backyard and all refuse generated has been disposed of.

Regarding West Nile virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne diseases, there is no current information to report on. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) halts mosquito-borne disease reports in late December and restarts them in April.

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 being updated daily with information, stories, and best practices for how to protect yourself from mosquitoes. District personnel are also in the neighborhoods each day distributing mosquito awareness literature and promoting the District’s message directly to residents. Finally, the

District participates in City-wide events when available, with an information booth, literature about mosquitoes, and swag for all attendees.

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 LALAFCO when this project first began.

Statement of Economic Interest, Form 700

Per California Law, all public agency governing board members and employees who spend agency money, are required to complete an annual Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700. Completed forms for members who have nothing to report will be available for members to sign. I respectfully request that Board members submit their Form 700 to me when completed.

Business Tax filing/W-2's

District personnel have completed the District's 2023 tax filings for Federal and State taxes and have sent these filings to their proper agencies for processing. District personnel have completed the District's W-2 forms for employees, and they were either sent or hand delivered this month. W-2's for Trustees will be given to everyone at the January 2024 Board meeting.

District Modernization Program

The first step in the District's Modernization Program ("program") was engaging an architect for architectural services. One architectural firm, LPA Inc. responded to the District's Request for Proposal. After negotiations, an agreed upon contract has been reached.

The next step will be a walk-thru at the District Headquarters with representatives of LPA Inc., District Counsel and District employees. This walk-thru is scheduled for January 25th.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Information regarding a vacancy on the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission's (LALAFCO) Board of Directors and the opportunity for board members to be nominated.

Background: LALAFCO is conducting an election for an open member voting seat for special districts on their Board of Directors. This agenda item is asking if any Board member would like to run for this open seat. If a Board member would like to run, next month's agenda would include the Board of Trustees formally approving this nomination.

2. Board members consideration and action on the District's 2022-2023 financial audit.

Background: Annually, the District hires a firm to produce the fiscal year financial audit. For the fiscal year 2022-2023, Ann Tahim and Associates produced this fiscal year's audit and will be available by phone to answer any questions the Board may have.

3. Board consideration and action regarding Assistant to the General Manager John Franklin promotion to General Manager.

Background: The General Manager will be retiring on January 31, 2024, and the Board will need to decide on Mr. Franklin's status. If the Board decides to promote Mr. Franklin, a contract written by District counsel, will need to be approved and signed.

Professional Development

Mr. Franklin has enrolled in several professional development webinars offered by the California Special District Association (CSDA). As corporate members, the District can view or participate in live events from the CSDA when they occur.

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

Conferences

This month, Trustee Bowers, and Assistant to the General Manager Franklin attended the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) annual conference in Monterey, California. It is the first MVCAC conference for both gentlemen and they will gain much information on mosquito and vector control districts.

The next conference for members to attend will be the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) annual conference which is being held in Dallas, TX from March 4-8, 2024. If any members would like to attend, please notify the General Manager

Respectfully submitted:

Mitchel R. Weinbaum,
General Manager