

COMPTON CREEK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

WEATHER

Temperatures at Noon: High – 74 Low – 48 Ave. – 64

Days Clear – 10 Overcast – 10

Service Requests – None Rain – None

OPERATIONAL REPORT

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 last month’s rain, District personnel increased their search efforts to identify mosquito breeding. However, no mosquito breeding was located during any of these inspections.

Regarding the Compton Creek, last month’s rain flushed out any remaining pockets of standing water, thereby eliminating any chance for mosquito breeding to occur. Further, the areas of the creek that were cleared out by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) have allowed water to flow freely. Throughout the year, this area will be monitored for any evidence that would suggest a buildup of vegetation that could restrict the flow of water. If a potential buildup is identified, it will be dealt with quickly.

Vehicle and shop maintenance were accomplished by District personnel during the month. Spraying equipment was inspected, serviced, and readied for calibration, a requirement that is performed every year. Weed control has started in the backyard and all refuse generated has been disposed of.

With regard to West Nile virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne diseases, there is no new information to report on. No reports have been filed in the State, County, or the District. It is anticipated the WNV hotline will be activated on April 11, 2022.

MANAGER’S REPORT

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 field 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 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 when out in public. District vehicles are equipped with bottles of soap, disposable gloves, homemade masks, and respirators, if needed, for spraying purposes. District personnel are always masked and practice social distancing, including when working in the District shop and backyard.

Annexation

There is not much to report this month. The annexation process has stalled because of staffing issues at the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LALAFCO). The surveyor has completed 6 of the 16 maps that are required and is waiting for approval of these maps from LALAFCO. After every map has been completed and approved by the appropriate agencies, LALAFCO will guide the District through the next steps in the process.

Conflict of Interest Form 700

It is time for all Board members and the General Manager to complete their annual Form 700, Conflict of Interest Statements. Copies will be provided to members to sign, and all will be filed with the Los Angeles County Executive Office. Any individual who files with multiple agencies should kindly provide a copy to the District for filing as well.

Business Tax Filing/W-2's

We have received all of the necessary information needed to complete federal and individual tax forms. All data has been compiled, tabulated, and finalized. All Federal tax forms were completed and sent to their respective agencies and all District employees and Board members received their W-2 forms on January 15, 2022.

NPDES

To be able to spray pesticides into waters of the United States, our District and all other Districts in the State of California, are required to have a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and file a report with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) at the beginning of each year reporting on their spraying efforts into the waters of the United States. Our District has only one area of concern, the Compton Creek and we do not spray any chemicals into the creek. Nevertheless, the District is still required to submit a report, which was completed and submitted on January 11th.

Computer Tablets

At January's regular Board meeting, I was instructed to obtain information concerning computer tablets for Board members. After extensive research and speaking with people with knowledge of these subjects, it has been decided that the Apple iPad would be the best option for the District. Costs are relatively the same as other brands and the iPad is easy to set-up and use, especially for folks who do not use computers often. These tablets can be purchased through a service provider and be a 'turn-key' item and be ready for use when purchased. Costs would be

\$124.00 per month for two and would include the purchase of the tablets and wi-fi/cellular capability.

Meetings and Conferences

Health concerns permitting, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) will be hosting their in-person annual conference in Sacramento from February 6-9, 2022, and the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) will be hosting their in-person annual conference in Jacksonville, FL from February 28 through March 4, 2022. The AMCA also announced that their next two annual conferences will be held in Dallas, TX and Reno, NV

Respectfully submitted,

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