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BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Front Cover: Regional Supervisor Shane Cassity droplet testing ULV gas fogger This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer

MANAGER'S FOREWORD

It is my honor to submit the 2022 Annual Report for the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District. The District had a very successful year serving the residents of Butte County and Hamilton City by utilizing an integrated vector management (IVM) approach that included public education and outreach, vector surveillance, reduction of breeding grounds by physical and cultural control by altering the environment and/ or management practices, and by using sound biological and chemical control methods. This report outlines the work conducted by the District to accomplish its primary goal of protecting public health.

The prevention of vector-borne disease outbreaks remains the District's primary goal and its most important responsibility to the public. West Nile virus (WNV) has long been considered to be endemic in the state of California and remains the District's largest public health concern. The state observed another extremely active WNV season and for the past several years St. Louis encephalitis has again started to become active in parts of the state. The extraordinary efforts to combat the WNV epidemic and St. Louis encephalitis resurgence in California should be credited to the combined efforts of more than 60 mosquito and vector control districts and local health departments, working in close cooperation with the California Department of Public Health and numerous other agencies indirectly related to mosquito and vector control.

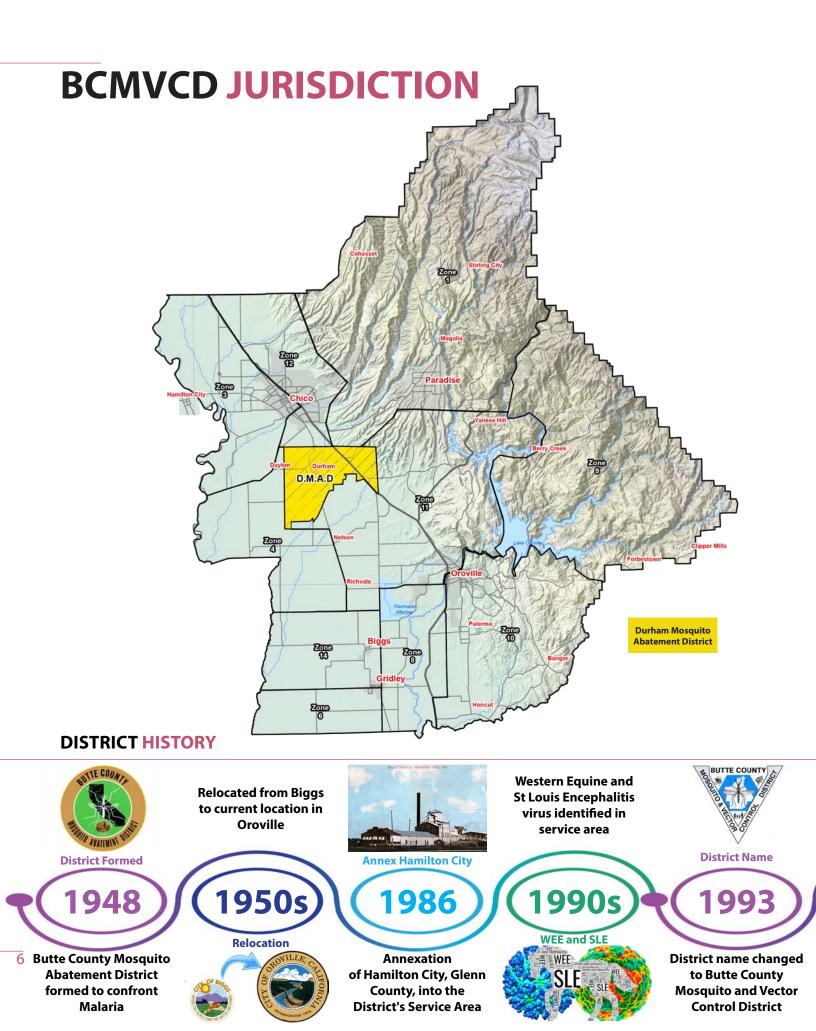
For the third year in a row, *Aedes aegypti*, a major public health concern and an invasive species, was collected and identified in Butte County. Detections of this mosquito were found in Chico, Oroville, Thermalito, and Paradise. Through the challenges of 2022, the District was still able to perform the essential services the public we serve have come to rely on and responded to 1921 service requests. The District continues to aggressively control unmaintained / abandoned swimming pools, catch basins, storm drains, and retention / detention ponds and works in partnership with other local agencies and governments to maintain improper functioning utilities that could and have bred mosquitoes. Regardless of drought conditions, the over-watering of landscaped yards and environments continues to add to the mosquito breeding problems in urban mosquito sources and extends the length of our mosquito season. In addition to urban mosquito breeding problems, the District continues surveillance and control in agricultural, rural, and wetland areas that breed mosquitoes. Due to two newly established invasive mosquito species in the state of California and now within Butte County, the District has greatly expanded surveillance efforts to detect either of these two species of mosquitoes. The District continues to conduct surveillance of ticks of medical importance and surveillance and control of yellow jackets.

"The Mission of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District is primarily to suppress mosquito-transmitted disease and to also reduce the annoyance levels of mosquitoes and diseases associated with ticks, fleas, and other vectors through environmentally compatible control practices and public education." To achieve this goal the District provides continual surveillance of mosquitoes and other vectors to ascertain the threat of disease transmission and annoyance levels and then uses integrated vector management methods to keep mosquitoes and other vectors below those levels. The District continues to work in cooperation with property owners, residents, social groups, and other governmental agencies to minimize mosquito breeding and to reduce the threat of mosquito-transmitted diseases.

The Board of Trustees and employees continue to plan and search for better ways to improve our programs to be prepared for future disease outbreaks that would be a threat to the health of Butte County and Hamilton City residents. We look forward to providing our services to you in the future and if you have any questions or need more information, please visit our website at www.ButteMosquito.com or call us at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350.

Respectfully,

MATTHEW C. BALL District Manager



Mission

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West Nile Virus Arrives in Butte County









New Substation location open in south Chico to address **Northern Butte County**

Special Benefit Assessment to enhance and improve all services provided by the **District**



New Benefit Assessment



Annexation of Durham **Mosquito Abatement's** 23 mi² of **Rice and Wetlands**

Annex DMAD Areas

2018

Annexation of Oroville Mosquito Abatement District's 12 mi² service area





BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Name

Title

Dr. Albert Beck Carl Starkey Philip LaRocca Darlene Fredericks Michael Barth James Bo Sheppard Dr. Larry Kirk Bruce Johnson Melissa Schuster Chuck Reynolds Vacant Board President Board Trustee Board Trustee Board Trustee Board Trustee Board Secretary Board Vice President Board Trustee Board Assistant Secretary Board Trustee Board Trustee Board Trustee

Area Represented

County District 1 County District 2 County District 3 County District 4 County District 5 City of Biggs City of Chico City of Gridley Town of Paradise City of Oroville Hamilton City 12/31/2025 12/31/2024 12/31/2022 12/31/2025 12/31/2023 12/31/2022

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12/31/2023

12/31/2022

12/31/2023

Term Expires

Doug Weseman

Congratulations to Doug, who retired from the District in May, 2022. Doug began working for the District in 2008 as the Public Education Coordinator; from which he promoted to the Public Information Officer and eventually finishing his career as the Assistant Manager. Over the years, Doug made his mark on the District by spearheading projects such as: quarterly and annual reports, the creation of the District's first website, creation of the District's first mosquito software program, implementation and management of IT for the District, and public relation campaigns just to name a few. Doug was an integral part of the District's success and helped to advance the District into the modern age of business. Thank you Doug for your years of service to the District and good luck to all your future endeavors!

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Matt Ball AAron Lumsden Del Boyd Maritza Sandoval Sara MacKenzie Amanda Bradford Rvan Rothenwander Shane Cassity Kenny Armstrong Kellen Larson Shane Robertson Eric Dillard **Glen Williams** Jeremy Edwards Aaron Goff Charlie Favilla Frank Lopez Mike Mattia Stephen Anaya Stephanie Burnham Colton Chenoweth **Daniel Flesher** Eliiah Hill Parker Kent Michael Langley Ashley Mullins Colton Schafer Jason St. Clair **Kyle** Theus

Title

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES



BCMVCD STAFF

Back Left to right:

James Bo Sheppard Carl Starkey Michael Barth Melissa Schuster

Front Left to right: Bruce Johnson Dr. Larry Kirk Philip LaRocca

Not Pictured: Darlene Fredericks Dr. Albert Beck Chuck Reynolds



Front Row Left to Right: Del Boyd, Amanda Bradford, Maritza Sandoval, Sara MacKenzie, Matt Ball, Ryan Rothenwander, Kenny Armstrong, Mike Mattia, Jeremy Edwards

Back Row Left to Right: Glen Williams, Eric Dillard, Aaron Goff, Kellen Larson, Shane Cassity, AAron Lumsden, Frank Lopez, Charlie Favilla, Shane Robertson

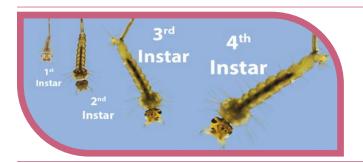
MOSQUITO BIOLOGY

There are more than 3,500 species of mosquitoes around the world

In California, we have about 50 species and of those, only a few are considered public health threats due to their potential to transmit mosquito-borne diseases to humans. People who have been bitten by a mosquito infected with viruses such as West Nile, Saint Louis Encephalitis, Dengue, and Zika may develop life-threatening or life-altering diseases. For the District and residents of Butte County to effectively reduce mosquito populations and the chance of getting a mosquito-borne disease, it is important to understand the habits and behaviors of the different mosquito species. This water can range in quality, and it can be in any container imaginable. The mosquito goes through four separate and distinct stages of its lifecycle: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Some species can go through their entire life cycle in as little as four days. All mosquitoes must have water to complete their lifecycle.

Egg

Eggs are laid on or near water or where water will be. They may be laid one at a time or stuck together in rafts of 100-300 eggs. Most eggs hatch into larvae within 48 hours of coming into contact with water.



Pupa

Mosquito pupae also float at the water surface and breathe air. When disturbed, they dive in a tumbling motion and then float back to the surface. The pupal stage is a non-feeding stage. This is the time the mosquito turns into an adult. It takes two days before the adult is fully developed.



Larva

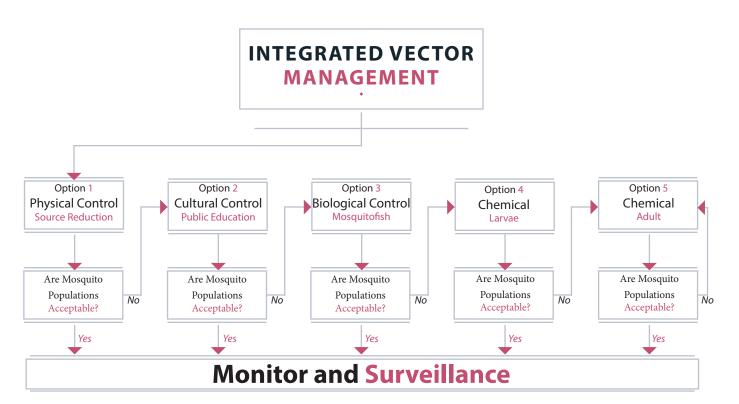
Larvae live in water and breathe air from the surface. Larvae feed on micro-organisms and organic matter in the water. They shed their skin four times growing larger after each molt. The stages between molts are called instars. When the 4th instar larva molts it becomes a pupa.

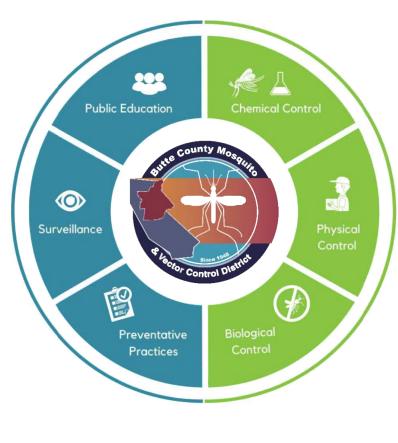




Adult

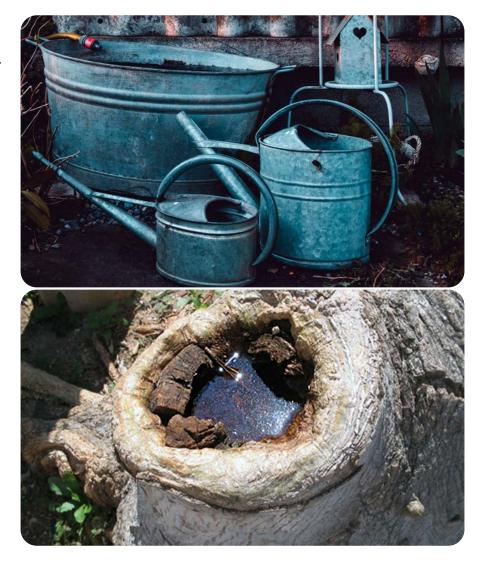
Newly emerged adults rest on the surface of the water for a short time to allow itself to dry before taking flight. Female mosquitoes feed to get a sufficient blood meal to develop eggs. Male mosquitoes feed only on plant nectar. The life span of the adult mosquito usually depends on several factors: species, temperature, humidity, gender, and time of year. Males live shorter lives.





Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common sense practices. The District's IPM program uses current and comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, along with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest nuisance and public health threats by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The District's IPM includes public education, physical control, biological control, chemical control, and continuous monitoring.

Each time one of the District's state certified vector control technicians locates a mosquito breeding source, the flow chart above is followed. Simply cleaning up around the yard, dumping containers and storing things properly can eliminate mosquito breeding sources.





PHYSICAL CONTROL SOURCE REDUCTION

The best method of mosquito control is source elimination (the complete removal of standing water). All mosquitoes need water to breed, unfortunately water is vital to keep lawns green, to grow crops, to sustain life, and to provide habitat for other aquatic insects and animals. District Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists actively work with property owners, land managers, and municipalities to reduce the amount of water needed for irrigation, to observe or consider best management practices, to actively participate in the design of new developments, and the overall reduction of standing water on a property.



The District's mission is to protect residents from mosquitoes and other vectors that transmit disease. Public education and information are important parts to the success of combating diseases such as West Nile virus and Lyme disease. The District's education program consists of public appearances at local city and county fairs, participation in the state Mosquito and Vector Awareness week, and presentations at schools and local civic groups. In addition to the above, the District strives to find new and more effective ways of better educating the

public by arming residents with knowledge to prevent mosquito bites and reduce or eliminate mosquito-breeding through informational pamphlets, website information, best management practice manuals, repellent suggestions, one on one interaction, and homeowner safeguards. In 2010, the District and the Board of Trustees adopted a final version of a Best Management Practices (BMP) to Reduce Mosquitoes manual. The manual provides property owners with tools and techniques to minimize mosquito populations through the proper use of land management practices while reducing the use of pesticides. The BMP's contained in the manual are assembled from a number of sources including scientific literature, state and inter-agency documents, and from experienced vector control professionals. The BMP manual includes general guidance to all properties that can, have, and will breed mosquitoes. A copy of the BMP manual can be viewed on the District's website at www.buttemosquito.com. The manual has successfully been used to reduce mosquito populations/public health threats without the need of additional pesticides.

PUBLIC EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

The District was able to continue its billboard campaign and partnered with Lamar Advertising. The 2022 slogan was "Prevent Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus". Eight billboards rotated throughout the county and ran from May through September.

With the detection of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Chico, Oroville and Paradise in 2022, the District responded with invasive *Aedes* brochures, door hangers, and mailers. The mailers were sent out to all residences and businesses within a two to three mile radius of the *Aedes* detections. The District sent out 1,521 mailers in Paradise. The mailers included a detailed description of the *Aedes* mosquito, where they can be found, and how to report any findings to the District.

The District also renewed its contract with Action News Now and ran a television public service announcement (PSA) and a broadcast announcement on KIXE-PBS. The PSA and broadcast announcement ran from May through the end of September.

Radio advertising continued this year with Deer Creek Broadcasting and Results Radio. These programs ran through the end of September.

Newsprint advertising with the Enterprise-Record and the Chico News and Review ran from May through September.

The District also held a presentation in the City of Biggs on October 11th for 3rd and 4th graders. The presentation included mosquito biology, mosquito prevention, display cases and District information.

The District believes that through public education, people learn the importance of avoiding/preventing mosquito bites to avoid getting a mosquito-borne illness. The District suggests that residents prevent mosquito bites by staying inside at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, wearing repellent and long sleeves and pants when outside during peak mosquito activity, and making sure their door and window screens are in good working condition. Residents are also asked to check their property for mosquito breeding sources and drain any unnecessary standing water.

District Public Relations Highlights 2022

- Billboard
 Advertising
- Chico News & Review, Enterprise-Record, Print Advertising
- Television
 Public Service
 Announcements
 Action News Now
 -KIXE-PBS
- Print, Radio, and Television Interviews
- Radio Advertising

 Deer Creek
 Broadcasting
 Results Radio
- Invasive Aedes Brochures, Mailers, and Door Hangers
- Gold Nugget Craft
 Faire- Paradise
- Red Suspenders
 Days- Gridley
- Salmon Festival-Oroville
- School Presentation- Biggs

INVASIVE MOSQUITO SPECIES **OF CALIFORNIA**

VELCOM

Cove

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING: REPORT DAY-BITING MOSQUITOES

Please call the BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT to schedule an inspection at (530) 533-6038

INVASIVE MOSQUITOES FOUND IN YOUR AREA



34 Actual Size: About 1/4 inch long WHY THE CONCERN?

Aedes aegypti is an invasive mosquito in California that is capable

of transmitting several diseases including Zika, dengue, and chikungunya. While there have been no local transmissions detected to date, the identification and control of this invasive mosquito is important to protect public health.

About Aedes aegypti mosquitoes

- Small dark mosquito that bites during the day.
- Prefers to dwell in urban areas indoors and outdoors.
- They especially like to bite ankles, wrists and elbows.
- They lay eggs in small sources of water around homes.
- They are very difficult to control.
- They complete their life cycle in 7-10 days. The adults live for about 3 weeks.
- Individual eggs are glued to the sides of containers. Eggs are resistant to drying out and can survive for many months until water covers them.

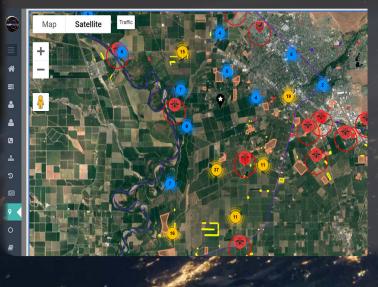


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TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS ·

Mapvision[®]

The District continues to use the Geographical Information System (GIS) that first went live in 2018. The new system, MapVision[®], is a geospatial web-based data management system. Every workflow associated with each department within a vector control agency is automated, streamlined and results in cross department enterprise data sharing and data integrity. Management, finance/billing, employee time tracking, inventory, operations, treatment applications, field technician activities, laboratory processes, maintenance, vehicles, equipment, and reporting are a few of the core features MapVision[®] Enterprise offers. Examples include: inter-agency/commercial invoicing, employee time card tracking/payroll, and real time synchronization with state reporting databases such as CalSurv Gateway. Three unique components available in MapVision[®] Enterprise are a 'Heightened



Surveillance' feature designed to monitor for invasive species and newly emerging pathogens in mosquitoes, ticks, and wildlife. The team concentric 'Parcel Inspection' program is based off of the heightened surveillance feature and the 'Resistance Management' module. MapVision® Enterprise dynamically bridges all vector control departments in real time, resulting in the most efficient, effective, and resourceful geospatial data management solution available.



Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District

SERVICES VECTOR & DISEASES



Temperatures are Rising and Mosquitoes are Flying.

WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY

Mosquito Fogging Notice

E-mail Notifications

Since 2011, the District has been using a mosquito fogging email notification system. The email notification system was created to meet public concerns and expectations, to enhance media coverage, and to help inform other agencies that need to know when and where the District is mosquito fogging. The Chico Enterprise Record uses these fogging notifications in their newspaper to inform their readers of the planned fogging operations. To meet these needs, the District used Constant Contact software modeled after the awardwinning Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District's email notification system, to compose and

Fogging will be conducted in the Dayton area. The application is scheduled to take place tomorrow, October 05, 2021, from approximately sunset to 11:00 PM.

Link to FAQ's



Fogging is predicated on mosquito abundance, disease activity, and requests from the public. Fogging operations may be cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions. For questions regarding fogging, please see the link below.

send out the fogging notifications via email. These email notifications are sent out, in most cases, 24 hours before a fogging operation takes place. The notifications include maps of the areas to be fogged, links to the labels and material safety data sheets of the public health pesticides used, the dates and times of the scheduled fogging operations, and a link to the District website. The public can sign up for email notifications on the District website, www.buttemosquito.com. The District website also has the links to the public health pesticides. The District also makes phone calls to notify residents and agencies that do not use email or have access to a computer.

ABOUT US NEWS RESOURCES

www.buttemosquito.com

On the website, the user can make a service request, sign up for email notification of upcoming fogging operations, view vector-borne disease activity in the District, and view maps of where the District will be fogging and where the District has fogged in the past. The user can also view Board of Trustee agendas and minutes, read the latest news that affects the District and their constituents, and view information on viruses and other diseases that are transmitted by mosquitoes and other vectors such as ticks. Visitors to the website may also be interested in the mosquitofish page and the services page which lists the locations in Butte County and Hamilton City where residents can pick up free mosquitofish. The services page also includes yellowjacket and wasp nest removal, tick and insect identification, and a public education section where interested parties can find out how to request the District come to their school or service group for a presentation. The website also has links to the pesticide labels and SDS sheets for the public health pesticides that it uses as well as a frequently asked questions page and a "Contact Us" page.

VECTOR AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

The definition of a vector is any animal capable of producing discomfort or injury, including, but not limited to, mosquitoes, flies, other insects, ticks, mites, and rats but not including domestic animals according to the California State Health and Safety Code, Section 2002(K). Surveillance of vectors is a vital component of the District's Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Program, and a considerable amount of time and effort is devoted to conducting vector surveillance. The District's surveillance program consists of a scientific approach for locating vector populations usually focusing on mosquito-breeding sources, monitoring mosquito populations, and mosquito-borne disease. Data collected from the surveillance program is analyzed to determine maximum and minimum risk periods of public exposure to mosquito-borne disease, evaluates control efforts, and seasonal changes in relative abundance of mosquito species. Surveillance data is collaborated in the District's database which provides historical information on mosquito dynamics and mosquito-borne disease within the District.





The District has an entomology department (Lab) that is staffed with an Entomologist, Vector Ecologist, and a Lab Assistant. The District's entomology department is responsible for the identification of the trapped mosquito collections and reporting the population numbers to the California Department of Public Health. The Lab conducts virus testing on live mosquitoes, dead birds, and sentinel chicken flocks. These tests are the District's eyes to monitor and detect mosquito-borne viruses in and around the county. The Lab also conducts scientific pesticide trials to monitor the chemicals effectiveness on targeted mosquitoes and to assess the possible effects on nontargets and trials on new chemical methodology and/or new chemicals. The Lab is also at your service to identify ticks, arachnids, and other insects/arthropods of public health significance.

The District utilizes an extensive surveillance program for both adult and immature (larval) mosquitoes. Throughout Butte County and the Hamilton City area of Glenn County, the District uses 28 New Jersey light traps, 31 gravid traps, over 40 CO2 traps, and 7 sentinel chicken flocks to monitor adult mosquito populations and virus activity. District Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (MVCS) monitor larval mosquito populations throughout the entire District daily utilizing a standard one-pint dipper. District MVCS spend the majority of their day inspecting standing water such as rice, wetlands, storm drains, ponds, ditches, swimming pools, bird baths, fountains, seasonal and/or other man-made containers for larvae.

VIRUS SURVEILLANCE ·

2022 VIRUS SURVEILLANCE REPORT

The District monitors for Western equine encephalitis (WEEV), St. Louis encephalitis (SLEV), and West Nile virus (WNV) activity by collecting blood samples from sentinel chicken flocks strategically placed throughout the District, collecting live mosquitoes trapped throughout the District, and collecting dead wild birds District wide.

SENTINEL CHICKEN FLOCKS

Annually, the District maintains seven sentinel chicken flocks of six birds each. The flocks are located in Palermo, Honcut, Gridley, Biggs, South Chico, West Chico, and Hamilton City. Bi-weekly blood samples are taken from the sentinel chickens by the entomology staff and sent to CDPH for testing. The blood sample is tested for SLEV, WEEV, and WNV. In 2022, 26 of the 42 sentinel chickens from all 7 District flocks tested positive for WNV. Seropositive chickens are always delayed at least two weeks from positive mosquito pools in the same location. Therefore, in the upcoming year, future research efforts will be needed to investigate the costs and surveillance efficiency of this program.

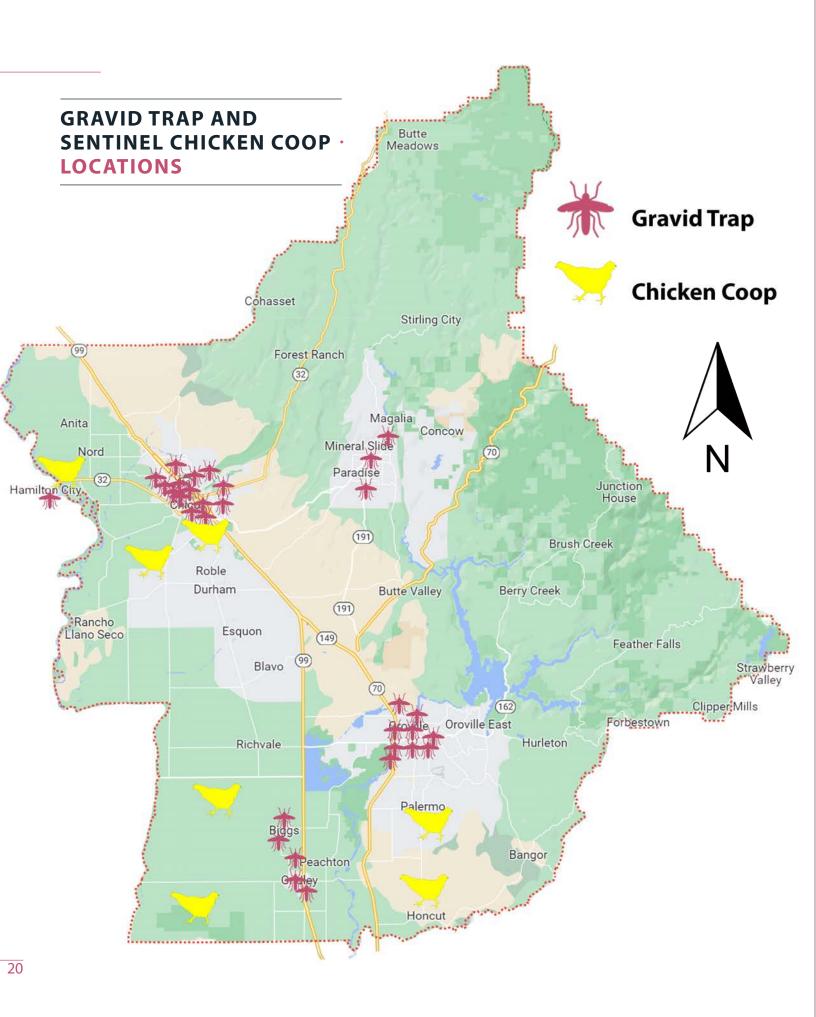
DEAD BIRD SURVEILLANCE

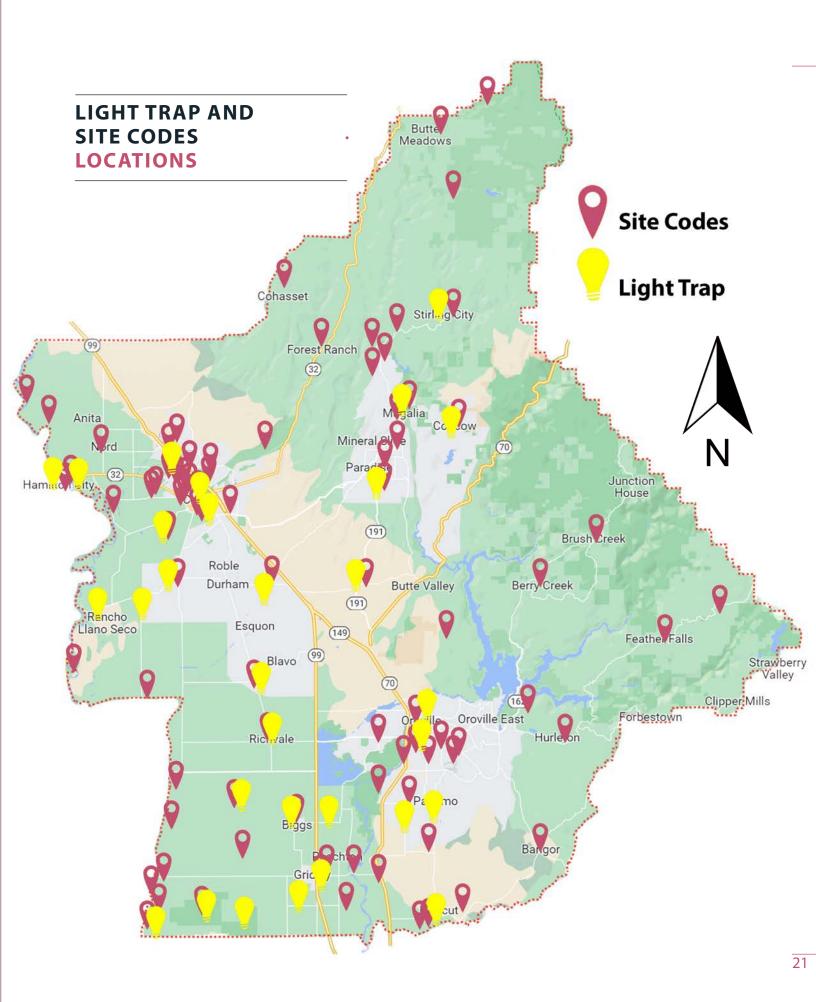
The District has participated in the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) WNV dead bird testing program. County residents participate in the program by calling CDPH's dead bird hotline (1-877-WNV-BIRD) or by submitting an online form at www.westnile.ca.gov or www.ButteMosquito.com. After a dead bird has been reported, CDPH notifies the District and District staff retrieves the bird and submits it for WNV testing.



MOSQUITO POOLS

Each week the District's entomology staff strategically places traps known as encephalitis virus surveillance (EVS) traps around the District. The entomology staff will identify and sort the trapped mosquitoes and pool the collections for virus testing. A pool consists of 1 to 50 adult female mosquitoes of the same species. Pooled mosquitoes are transferred to numbered vials and sent to the Center for Vector-Borne Disease Research (CVBDR)at the University of California, Davis and are tested for WEEV, SLEV, and WNV. In 2022, the District sent 442 mosquito pool samples with 39 returning positive for WNV.





2022 NEW JERSEY LIGHT TRAP COLLECTIONS

Mosquito Species	Number Collected	% of Total
Anopheles freeborni	138539	66.52%
Culex tarsalis	32182	15.45%
Aedes melanimon	29669	14.25%
Culiseta inornata	3801	1.83%
Aedes nigromaculis	1539	0.74%
Culex pipiens	1226	0.59%
Other species	720	0.35%
Culex stigmatosoma	589	0.28%

Culiseta

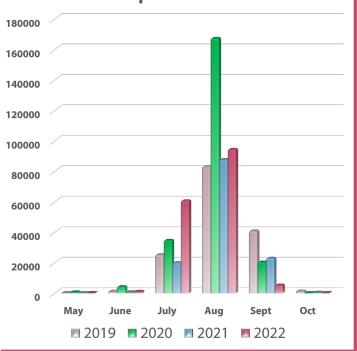
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Aedes melanimon

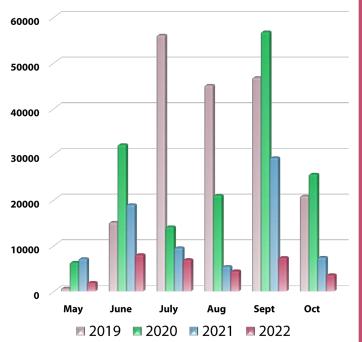
Jeremy Edwards Hanging Light Tra

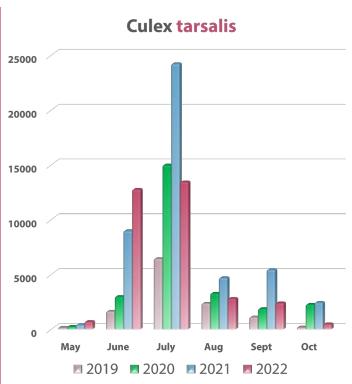
NEW JERSEY LIGHT TRAP SEASONAL FLUCTUATIONS OF VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE VECTORS

Anopheles freeborni

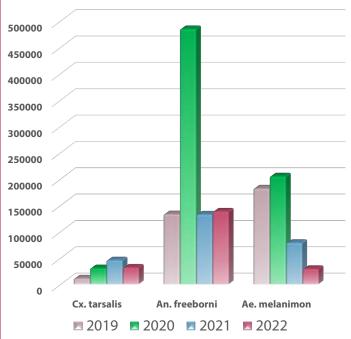


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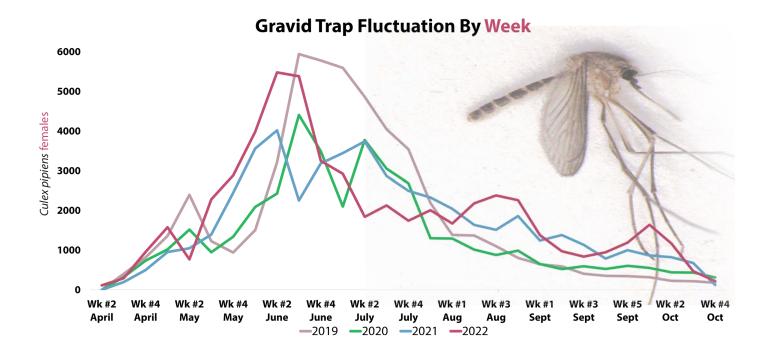


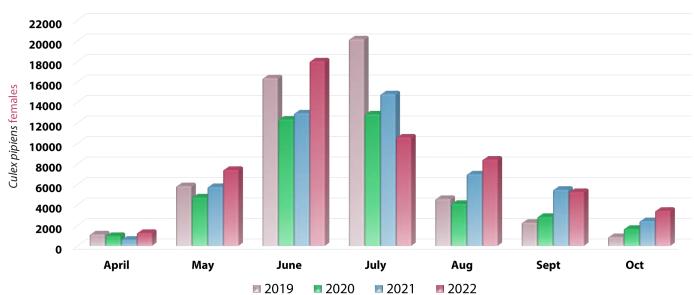


Annual Total Female Mosquitoes



2022 GRAVID TRAP . FLUCTUATIONS





Gravid Trap Fluctuation By Month

2022 WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY

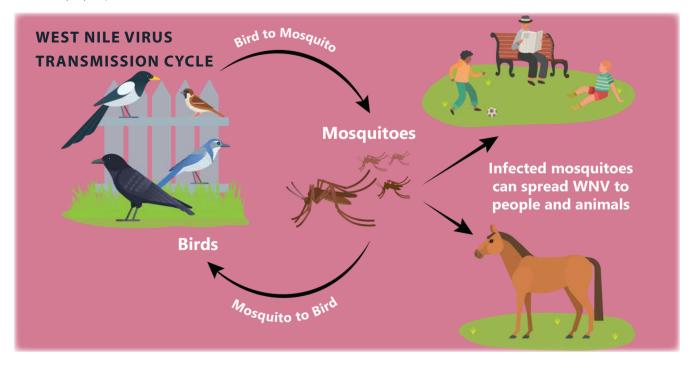
West Nile Virus Symptoms

SERIOUS SYMPTOMS IN A FEW PEOPLE

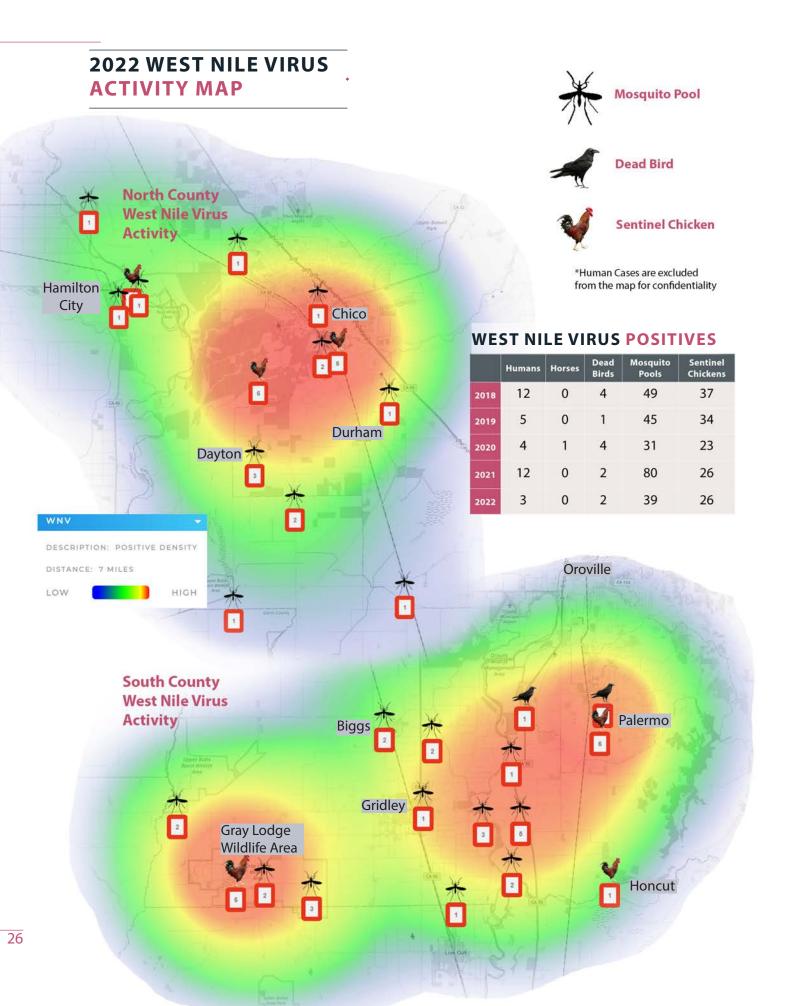
About one in 150 people infected with West Nile virus (WNV) will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may 40 be permanent. WNV infection can be fatal. MILDER SYMPTOMS IN SOME PEOPLE Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display symptoms including fever, headache and/or body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a rash on the chest, stomach, and back. Symptoms can last as little as a few days to several weeks. NO SYMPTOMS IN MOST PEOPLE

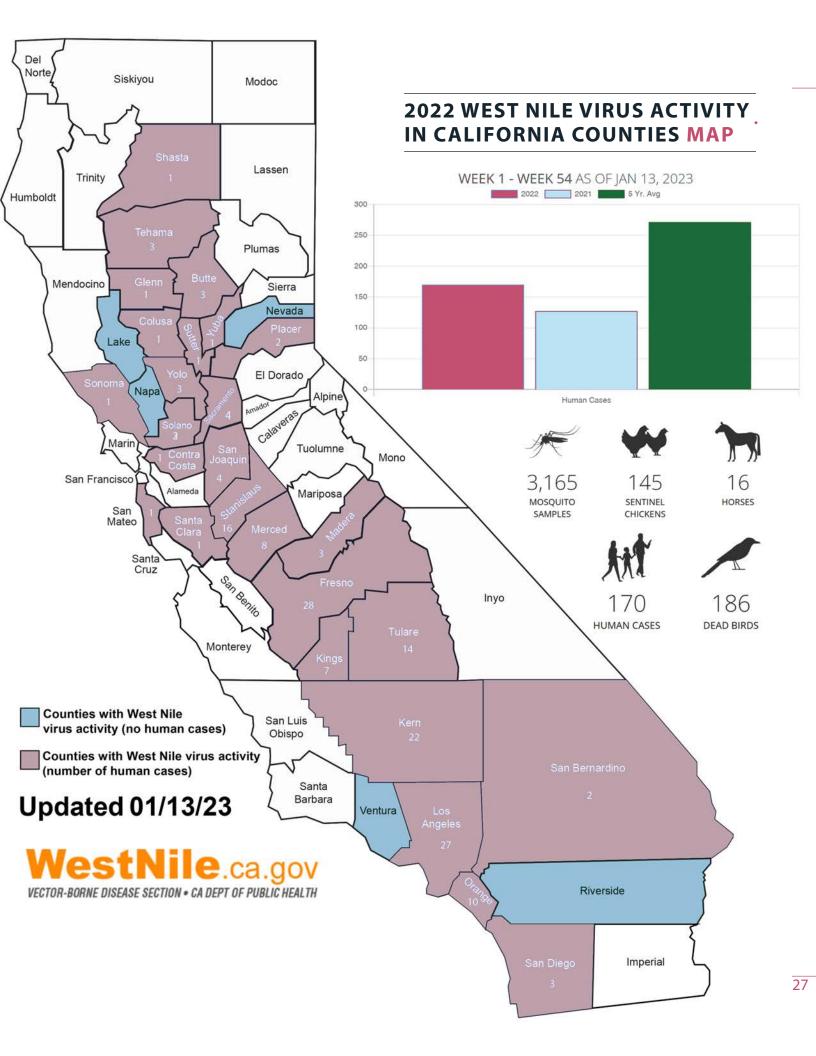
Approximately 80 percent of people (about 4 out of 5) who are infected with WNV will not have any symptoms at all.

■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022



West Nile Virus Positives





TICK SURVEILLANCE

Tick surveillance in Butte County is done primarily because of the diseases that ticks can transmit. The two diseases that infect humans most often are Lyme disease and Tick-borne relapsing fever (TBRF).

Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by a bacterium, Borrelia burgdorferi. TBRF is an infectious disease caused by a bacterium, Borrelia miyamotoi. Transmission of the Lyme disease and TBRF bacteria is primarily from the Western Black-Legged Tick. Both of these disease causative agents and the tick vector can be readily found in Butte County.

District tick surveillance consists of "flagging", where a 3' x 2' piece of thick, fibrous cloth, is dragged along the edge of a trail or dirt road. The ticks attach themselves to the cloth while they are "questing" for a blood meal. Like a mosquito, the female tick needs a blood meal to lay her eggs. Once the ticks are attached to the cloth they are identified, counted, recorded, and then sent off for testing.

In 2022, 200 tick pools were sent off for testing with 14 coming back positive for Lyme disease and 13 coming back positive for TBRF. This information can lead to risk assessment warnings to residents in areas that have high tick activity.

WARNING

Ticks found in this area MAY cause Lyme ease. Follow these fips to prevent fick bit

- alk on the center of trails, avoid ush along trail edges
- Use EPA-registered insect repe
- Check your body and clothing for ticks after being outdoors Carefully remove attached ticks with tweezers
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YELLOWJACKET SURVEILLANCE

Yellowjackets are medium sized black and yellow wasps (sometimes black and creme) that are often confused with honey bees, paper wasps, mud daubers, and other wasps. Yellowjackets are social insects that are considered beneficial. They can feed on garden pests and pollinate crops through daily foraging. Yellowjackets can become a public health concern because of their territorial behavior and their affinity for human food and drinks. Yellowjackets can restrict or prevent outdoor activities in areas such as campgrounds, picnic spots, and backyards.

The District will respond to reports of high yellowjacket activity. Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists will then inspect the area and decide if control is appropriate. Control measures may include placing traps or bait, treating nests with an approved insecticide, or physically removing the nest. All pesticide applications are made by state-certified technicians using materials that are registered for use by the Environmental Protection Agency.





BIOLOGICAL CONTROL ·

Biological control is the intentional use of mosquito pathogens, parasites or predators to reduce the size of target mosquito populations. The most popular and successful biological tool is the mosquitofish, Gambusia affinis. Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District maintains five fish ponds at the Oroville headquarters. These ponds produce hundreds of pounds of mosquitofish each year. The mosquitofish are routinely stocked and planted by District personnel to control mosquito populations in sources such as irrigation ditches, industrial, ornamental and artificial ponds, un-maintained swimming pools, semi-permanent and permanent urban sources, rice fields, and wetlands. Mosquitofish are omnivorous and have a voracious appetite for mosquito larvae. The flattened head and protruding mouth enable the fish to readily prey on surface feeding mosquito larvae and pupae. A large female can consume up to 300 larvae per day! All ages, sexes, and sizes of these fish eat mosquito larvae, along with other small aquatic invertebrates and algae. The fish are visual predators and feed during daylight hours. Due to insecticide resistance and environmental concerns associated with chemical control methods, biological control methods are expanding as an effective tool used in the control of mosquito populations.





The Aquaculture center holds 3 Tanks stocked with about 6000 breeding adult fish each. The fry, born live, will instinctively swim upward and through the small holes of the breeding boxes. The holes are far too small for the adults, which is important in keeping the adults from eating their young. The fry are moved to a 4th tank to mature before being used throughout the county.

Fish Plant 2022	Amount	Acres	Applications
Zone 1	11.32 lbs	22.64	80
Zone 3	3.22 lbs	6.44	46
Zone 4	2.98 lbs	5.96	12
Zone 6	11.27 lbs	22.54	56
Zone 8	39.00 lbs	78.00	191
Zone 9	1.40 lbs	2.80	9
Zone 10	13.06 lbs	27.02	44
Zone 11	6.45 lbs	12.90	39
Zone 12	10.34 lbs	21.18	36
Zone 14	0.15 lbs	0.30	1
Total	99.19 lbs	199.778	514

Female Mosquitofish produce eggs that hatch within their bodies, releasing well-developed and very active young or "fry" into the water. Gambusia are prolific, producing three or four broods each summer, depending on the food supply and climate. A brood averages between 30 and 100 fry that reach maturity in three or four months

AQUACULTURE CENTER ·

Mosquito and Vector Control Districts across the nation are very familiar with mosquitofish, but most Districts are not as familiar with indoor aquaculture systems. BCMVCD has five ponds on site and a new indoor aquaculture program. The indoor program gives the District the ability to have fish year-round for the public as well as the ability to implement an intensive fish breeding program to replace fish populations in District ponds. The District's aquaculture center has four tanks. Two tanks are for fry production, one for the fry that's collected each day to mature, and the last is used as a holding/quarantine tank that is also used for fry production. The aquaculture center incorporates automatic vibratory feeders, in-line heaters, and dimmable ballast lighting. Studies have shown that consumption of feed, metabolism, and mating behaviors can be changed with light cycles and water temperatures. Temperature, pH, salinity, ammonia, nitrate, nitrite, alkalinity, and dissolved oxygen are tested daily. The District also practices a sustainable yield technique by selecting the correct seine size. This allows small fish to pass through and only large adults will be taken for District needs. These fish can then reach maturity, spawn, and help replenish fish stocks for the following year.

CHEMICAL CONTROL ·

Chemical control is the use of target specific insecticides to reduce immature and adult mosquito populations. These chemicals are only applied when physical control, public education, and biological control methods are unable to keep mosquito populations tolerable or when emergency control measures dictate the use of chemicals to rapidly terminate or disrupt the transmission of disease to humans. There are two categories of chemicals used by the District, larvicides and adulticides. Larvicides target mosquito larvae and pupae. Adulticides target adult mosquitoes. The chemicals used by the District are registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as the California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL EPA). The District relies mainly on larviciding as the primary means of chemical mosquito control. However, there are limitations to larviciding as a main control strategy. In Butte County where mosquito breeding occurs over large areas, the practical application of larvicides is not feasible and periodic adulticiding is necessary to protect nearby communities from the attack of adult mosquitoes. Also, there are areas that are environmentally sensitive and limit the use of larvicides. In these areas peripheral adulticiding is the only available option.

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2022 MATERIALS USED ·

Material 2022 .arvicides	Amount	Acres	Applications	
Abate 4E	0.12 gals	11.00		
Altosid SBG II	15,045.17 lbs	2,112.38	57	
Itosid XR Extended Residual Briquets	401.00 each	0.94	67	
guabac 200 G	14,310.14 lbs	1,895.05	66	
ocobear Mosquito Larvicide Oil	574.45 gals	185.31	1146	
ourStar Briquets	487.00 each	1.12	165	
NetaLarv S-PT	57.10 lbs	22.84	39	
letaLarv XRP	38.00 each	0.09	6	
latular DT	9,676.00 each	0.87	134	
latular G30	12.00 lbs	0.60	1	
atular XRT	6,167.00 each	14.19	451	
ectoBac -12AS	4,616.56 gals	54,907.72	890	
ectoBac WDG	100.00 lbs	210.91	4	
ectoBac-G	48,484.32 lbs	5,285.04	165	
ectoLex WDG	2.00 lbs	2.00	2	
ectoMax WSP	692.00 each	0.80	225	
ectoPrime	82.00 lbs	16.40	14	
dulticides				
Duet	6,265.66 lbs	173,660.70	687	
erm-X UL 4-4	5,780.03 lbs	61,017.16	465	
rumpet	1,020.00 gal	130,560.00	17	
arrier Sprays				
uspend SC	5.79 gals	17.03	152	
ellow Jacket Control				
Drione Insecticide	0.09 gal	1.10	13	
lerbicides				
Vimension 2EW Herbicide	1.06 gals	4.46	5	
heetah Pro	0.14 gals	0.32	1	
inale Herbicide	4.50 gals	14.99	6	
arlon 4 Ultra	0.08 gals	0.16	1	
ound Up Concentrate Plus	2.50 gals	0.55	3	
oundup Weed and Grass Killer Ready to Use	59.75 gals	0.41	14	
ircraft Application				
ice Acres Treated	56,635			
Aanaged Wetlands Treated	7,564			
JLV Acres Treated	130,560	17 Nick	at Eliabte	
JEV ACIES Healed	130,300	17 Night Flights		

Totals Acres Treated via Aircraft

CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES

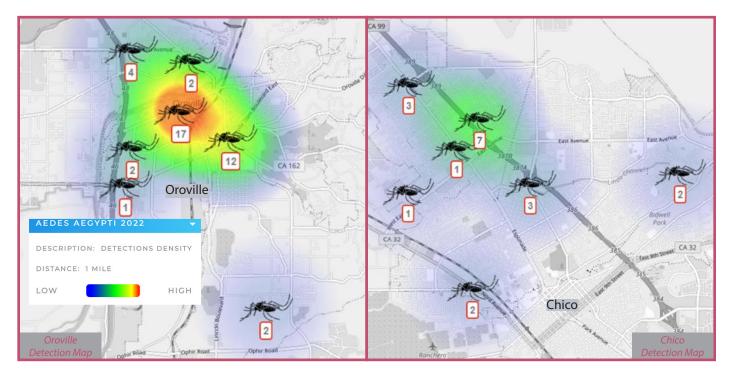
Two invasive (non-native) mosquito species have recently been found in several California cities (see map below). They are named *Aedes aegypti* (the yellow fever mosquito) and *Aedes albopictus* (the Asian tiger mosquito).

In 2022, The District had 60 detections of *Aedes aegypti* at 15 different locations in the cities of Chico, Oroville, and Paradise. There have been no detections of *Aedes albopictus* in Butte County.

Unlike most native mosquito species, *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* bite during the day. Both species are small black mosquitoes with white stripes on their back and on their legs. They can lay eggs in any small artificial or natural container that holds water. *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* have the potential to transmit several viruses, including dengue, chikungunya, Zika, and yellow fever.







WIDE AREA LARVICIDE SPRAY WALS

WALS stands for Wide Area Larvicide Spray. WALS is an approach to control larvae, such as invasive *Aedes*, that uses a naturally occurring bacterium(BTi) to kill mosquito larvae in the water before they emerge into biting adults. This is done with a powerful truck mounted sprayer that sends out a plume of small water droplets containing BTi with the hope that they will drift their way into the small containers around residences that *Aedes* species love to breed in. The WALS method is another tool that the District utilizes to combat the invasive *Aedes* in Butte County.

INVASIVE AEDES PRESENT BY



WALS Application



DISTRICT SHOP ·

The District's shop provides the maintenance and repairs for over 30 vehicles, 3 forklifts, 1 backhoe, 3 ATV's, 2 amphibious Tritons, 2 loader trucks and 4 utility trailers. Additionally, the shop is responsible for the maintenance and repairs to the District's electric ULV foggers, gas ULV foggers, back cans, power sprayers, chainsaws, weed eaters, lawn mowers, etc. and other mechanical items. The shop is also responsible for repairing and installing improvements to the District facilities and grounds when and where necessary. Often the shop will repair the District's security system, lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures, and other items as needed.

AERIAL OPERATIONS ·

The District employs one full-time Pilot II. On average the planes make applications to over 150,000 acres each year. During down time, the 3 planes receive repairs and technological improvements and upgrades to instruments and panels, altimeter, Satloc, Ag-Nav, repainting, replacing engine parts, and routine annual maintenance. The Pilot II also is responsible for renting a passenger plane and providing aerial surveillance flights over seasonally flooded wetlands and duck clubs for the District's MVCS. In 2020 the District, with the help of District Pilot Del Boyd, had a new tank truck built.



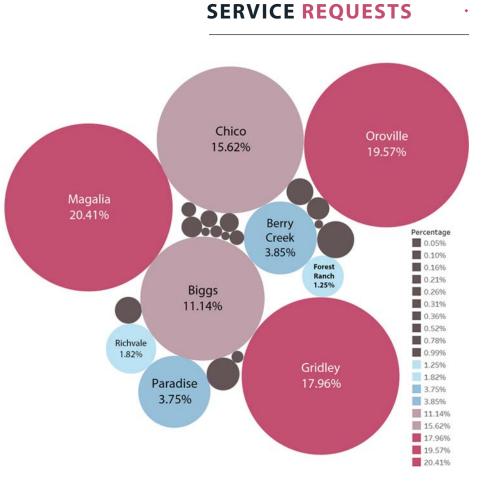
FRONT OFFICE

Professional and courteous customer service is the number one priority for the District's administrative staff. The tasks of the administrative personnel involve serving the residents of Butte County and Hamilton City, the employees of the District, accounting, budgeting, responding to telephone inquiries, maintaining public records, coordinating policies, and reporting to the Board of Trustees.

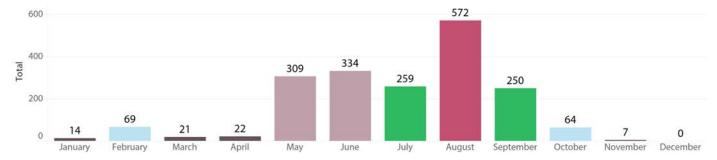




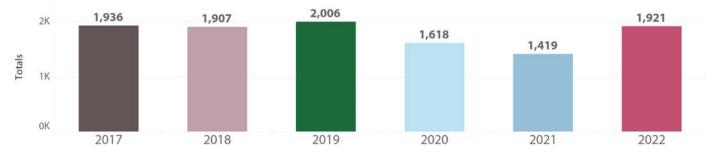
Magalia	20.41%	392
Oroville	19.57%	376
Gridley	17.96%	345
Chico	15.62%	300
Biggs	11.14%	214
Berry Creek	3.85%	74
Paradise	3.75%	72
Richvale	1.82%	35
Forest Ranch	1.25%	24
Forbestown	0.99%	19
Palermo	0.78%	15
Stirling City	0.52%	10
Durham	0.52%	10
East Biggs	0.36%	7
Dayton	0.31%	6
Butte Valley	0.26%	5
Cohasset	0.21%	4
Hamilton City	0.16%	3
Bangor	0.16%	3
Other	0.10%	2
Clipper Mills	0.10%	2
Feather Falls	0.05%	1
Concow	0.05%	1
Brush Creek	0.05%	1







Service Requests Per Year



SPECIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

To address the growing needs placed upon the district and to expand and enhance existing services, the District attempted and passed a Special Benefit Assessment on all properties within the District's Service Area. With these additional revenues the District has the ability to enhance/improve all services provided by the District. Below is a nonexhaustive list of services that have been and continue to be enhanced:

- Increase seasonal staff and possibly permanent
 staff to better the services the District provides (e.g. surveillance, control, education, etc.)
- Expand the District's public education and outreach program to better educate those that the District serves to services provided, the elimination of mosquito and other vector habitat, and how to protect oneself from mosquito and vector-borne disease.
- Expand the District's mosquito surveillance program to better identify mosquitoes of medical importance, increase the amount of traps used, increase the amount of mosquitoes tested, commence with the surveillance of invasive species such as Asian Tiger Mosquito and Yellow Fever Mosquito (both of which have been introduced into California) and also to expand mosquito testing of newly introduced mosquito-borne disease such as chikungunya virus, Rift Valley fever, dengue fever, and others.
- Expand the District's tick surveillance to monitor more public use lands, test collected ticks for the presence of tick-borne disease, and conduct tick control trials.

- Expand and improve the District's mosquitofish program. Purchase mosquitofish rearing tanks to provide an environment in which mosquitofish propagate year-round rather than seasonally allowing the District to keep up with the requests of the public and to have more fish available to District staff to stock in mosquitobreeding areas to lower larval mosquito populations.
- Increase the amount of public health pesticide applications should surveillance data indicate a need based on treatment thresholds and/ or resident service requests. Possibly lower the treatment thresholds for larvae and adult mosquitoes.
- Purchase new capital such as spray equipment and vehicles to lower maintenance costs, increase fuel mileage, and increase the reliability of service.
- Continue to and enhance investing in mosquito control research and new technology to identify better ways of protecting the public's health.

This funding measure has strengthened, enhanced, and improved the District's baseline services provided. With newly introduced invasive species as well as new and reemerging vector-borne disease, mosquito and vector control's importance will only continue to grow.

TRANSPARENCY AWARD

District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

July 2021– September 2024

The Special District Leadership Foundation is proud to present this District Transparency Certificate of Excellence to

Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District

In recognition of the district's completion of all transparency program requirements designed to promote transparency in their operations and governance to the public and other stakeholders.





Neil C.M.C. McCormick, SDLF Chief Executive Office

For the 8th year in a row, the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) received the Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of the District's outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner. The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budgets, and the most recent financial audit. Finally, the District must have demonstrated outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through regular district newsletters and community engagement projects.

"This award is a testament to the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District's commitment to open government," said Matthew Ball, District Manager. "The District's entire Board of Trustees and staff are to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight."

FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FINANCIALS

		Budgeted		Actual		Favorable Infavorable)
Revenue	\$	4,596,361.00	\$	6,353,108.14	\$	1,756,747.14
Expenses						
Salaries & Benefits	\$	3,011,587.00	\$	2,669,847.84	\$	341,739.16
Services & Supplies			-			
Gas, Oil & Grease	\$	120,000.00	\$	120,381.63	\$	(381.63)
Repairs & Parts - Airplanes	\$	30,500.00	\$	28,144.97	\$	2,355.03
Repairs & Parts	\$	42,000.00	\$	40,530.03	\$	1,469.97
Office Supplies	\$	20,000.00	\$	19,009.07	\$	990.93
Education & Publicity	\$	70,000.00	\$	69,953.29	\$	46.71
Insecticides	\$	890,000.00	\$	831,088.46	\$	58,911.54
Tools & Equipment	\$	65,000.00	\$	68,277.83	\$	(3,277.83)
Communications	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,116.37	\$	(116.37)
Travel	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,408.05	\$	591.95
Utilities	\$	40,000.00	\$	37,875.35	\$	2,124.65
Rent	\$	5,000.00	\$	732.00	\$	4,268.00
Special Services	\$	225,000.00	\$	198,739.32	\$	26,260.68
Trustee Allowance	\$	13,200.00	\$	9,600.00	\$	3,600.00
General Insurance	\$	155,000.00	\$	152,669.59	\$	2,330.41
Employee Training & Dues	\$	13,000.00	\$	12,228.39	\$	771.61
District Fees and Permits	\$	37,000.00	\$	36,755.11	\$	244.89
Miscellaneous	\$	15,000.00	\$	11,687.01	\$	3,312.99
Research Supplies	\$	50,000.00	\$	37,883.18	\$	12,116.82
Alternate Technology	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	1,000.00
Special Discretionary	\$	20,000.00	\$	18,693.77	S	1,306.23
Gambusia	\$	15,000.00	\$	6,889.66	\$	8,110.34
Total Services & Supplies	\$	1,854,700.00	\$	1,728,663.08	\$	126,036.92
Capital Outlay						
Buildings and Improvements	\$	40,000.00	\$	16,887.51	\$	23,112.49
Vehicles	\$	135,000.00	Ś	151,625.26	ŝ	(16,625.26)
Spray Equipment	\$	20,000.00	\$	-	\$	20,000.00
Aircraft	\$	25,000.00		19,898.48		
Office Equipment	\$		\$	-	\$	2,000.00
Laboratory Equipment	\$	2,000.00	\$		ŝ	2,000.00
Shop Equipment	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00
Education and Publicity	\$	2,000.00	Ŝ	<i></i>	Ś	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Capital Outlay	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Communications Capital Outlay	Ś	1,000.00	Ś	-	Ś	1,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$	230,000.00	\$	188,411.25	\$	41,588.75
Appropriation for Contingencies	\$	1,149,072.00	\$	-	\$	1,149,072.00
Total Expense	\$	6,245,359.00	\$	4,586,922.17	\$	1,658,436.83
Cash in Treasury Cash	2	0,243,333,00	\$	8,225,411.65	Ŷ	1,030,430.03
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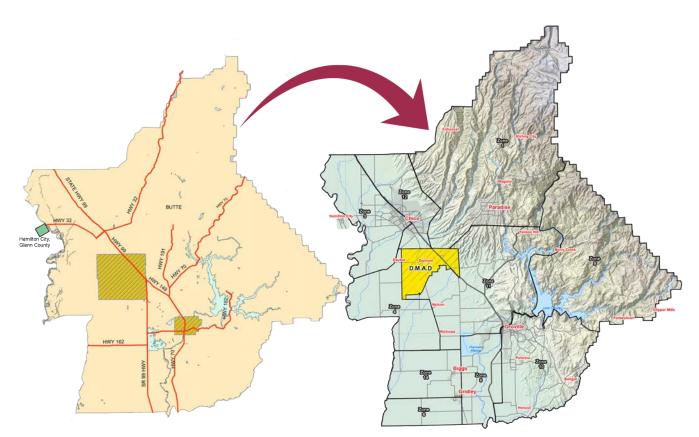
FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FINANCIALS

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Balance Sheet June 30, 2022		General Fund	Reclassifications & Eliminations	Statements of Net Position
Current assets:				
Cash and invetments (note 2)	\$	7,971,121	-	7,971,121
Cash and investments (note 2)		129,585	-	129,585
Accrued interest receivable		15,099	-	15,099
Accounts receivable - charge for services		41,471	-	41,471
Materials and supplies inventory		693,350		693,350
Prepaid expenses	34	28,643		28,643
Total current assets	_	8,879,269		8,879,269
Non-current assets:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated (note 3)		-	615,403	615,403
Capital assets, being depreciated (note 3)	-	: - :	2,654,437	2,654,437
Total non-current assets	20	1	3,269,840	3,269,840
Total assets		8,879,269	3,269,840	12,149,109
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Deferred pension outflows (note 7)	-	-	714,519	714,519
Total deferred outflows of resources		8 . 93	714,519	714,519
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		56,248	-	56,248
Accrued salaries and benefits		37,733	-	37,733
Long-term liabilities - due within one year:				
Compensated absences (note 4)			105,587	105,587
Termination benefits (note 5)			19,800	19,800
Lease obligation (note 6)	×-	-	2,364	2,364
Total current liabilities	2	93,981	127,751	221,732
Non-current liabilities:				
Long-term liabilities - due in more than one year:				
Compensated absences (note 4)		5 2 1	422,349	422,349
Termination benefits (note 5)			23,925	23,925
Lease obligation (note 6)		-	69,318	69,318
Net pension liability (note 7)	-	-	2,633,821	2,633,821
Total non-current liabilities	-	174	3,149,413	3,149,413
Total liabilities	34	93,981	3,277,164	3,371,145
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred pension inflows (note 7)		-	2,412,596	2,412,596
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	(*)	2,412,596	2,412,596
Fund balance: (note 8)				
Restricted		129,585	(129,585)	
Non-spendable		721,993	(721,993)	
Assigned		527,936	(527,936)	-
Unassigned	-	7,405,774	(7,405,774)	
Total fund balance	-	8,785,288	(8,785,288)	<u> </u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$_	8,879,269		
Net position: (note 9)				
Net investment in capital assets			3,198,158	3,198,158
Restricted			129,585	129,585
Unrestricted			3,752,144	3,752,144
Total net position			7,079,887	7,079,887

*Insert from Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Annual Fiscal Report

ANNEXATIONS OF SERVICE AREAS



PREVIOUS SERVICE AREA MAP

NEW SERVICE AREA MAP

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (BCMVCD) covers nearly 1,800 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham (DMAD) which was formed earlier. The District also includes Hamilton City, 199 acres or 638 parcels, and wetlands along the eastern border of Glenn County.

- In June of 2018, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Butte County (LAFCo) adopted resolution No. 13 2017/18 approving the detachment and annexation of a portion of the DMAD territory to the BCMVCD, increasing the District's service area by 14,775 acres of mixed agriculture and 92 parcels.
- In August 2020, LAFCo adopted Resolution No. 01 2020/2021 approving the reorganization/ dissolution of the OMAD and subsequent annexation of territory to the BCMVCD. The annexation was finalized in 2021, adding approximately 7,660 acres, 8,142 parcels, of service area to the BCMVCD and thus transferred the responsibility for mosquito abatement services in that area to the BCMVCD.

Collectively, all these areas served by the BCMVCD are known as the "Service Area." The BCMVCD is the only agency providing mosquito and vector control and vector-borne disease protection and prevention services in the Service Area and provides its services to properties accommodating approximately 220,000 residents.

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