# BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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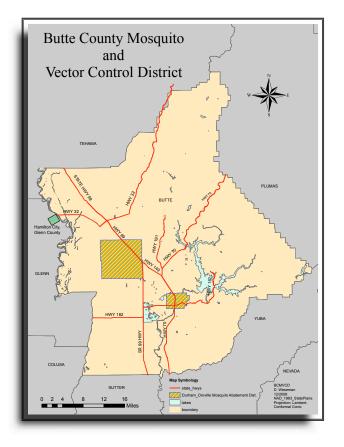
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#### MISSION

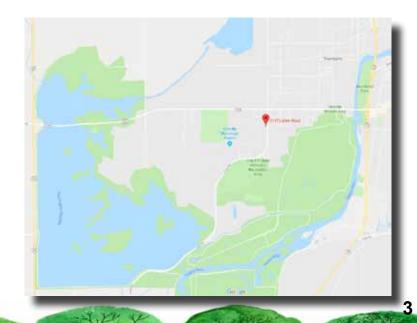
The mission of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District is to primarily suppress mosquito-transmitted disease and to also reduce the annoyance levels of mosquitoes and diseases associated with ticks, fleas and other vectors through environmentally compatible control practices and public education.

#### **HISTORY**

The Butte County Mosquito Abatement District was formed in June of 1948. The District covers 1600 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham and Oroville Mosquito Abatement Districts, which were formed earlier. The District also includes the Hamilton City area of Glenn County. In April of 1994, "Vector Control" was added to the District name to reflect the additional disease surveillance and information now provided.



MAIN OFFICE LOCATION 5117 Larkin Road Oroville, CA. 95965



#### FOREWORD

It is my honor to submit the 2018 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 it's most important responsibility to the public. West Nile virus (WNV) is now 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. As of writing this, currently 201 human infections have been confirmed in 2018. Butte County's human infections increased from 3 in 2017 to 10 in 2018. Butte County has had confirmation of 242 WNV human infections with 9 fatalities since the virus arrived in 2004. Since 2003 when WNV first appeared in California, 6783 human infections with 294 fatalities have been confirmed. For the past several years St. Louis encephalitis has again started to become active in parts of the county.

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.

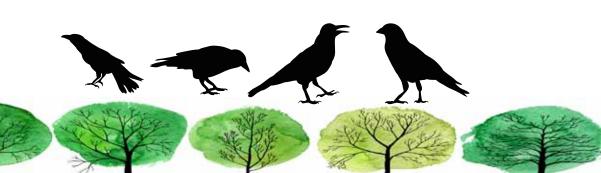
The District continues to aggressively control unmaintained / abandoned swimming pools, catch basins, storm drains, and retention / detention ponds and works in partnership with other local agencies and governments to maintain improper functioning utilities that could and have bred mosquitoes. Regardless 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, the District continues 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 mosquitotransmitted 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 for the future 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 <u>www.ButteMosquito.com</u> or call us at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350.

Respectfully,

Matthew C. Ball **4** District Manager



#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Standing, left to right: Steve Ostling, Carl Starkey, Assistant Secretary Bo Sheppard, President Dr. Albert Beck, Dr. Thomas Vickery, Bruce Johnson, Secretary Tom Anderson, Gordon Andoe.

Seated, left to right: Susan Mason, Melissa Schuster, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk.





#### **STAFF**

Left to right: Eric Dillard, MVCS; Glen Williams, MVCS; Shane Robertson, MVCS; Don Lasik, MVCS; Beth Vice, MVCS; Aaron Goff, MVCS; Phillip Henry, MVCS; Shane Cassity, MVCS. (MVCS: Mosquito and Vector Control Specialist, licensed by the California Department of Public Health).

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

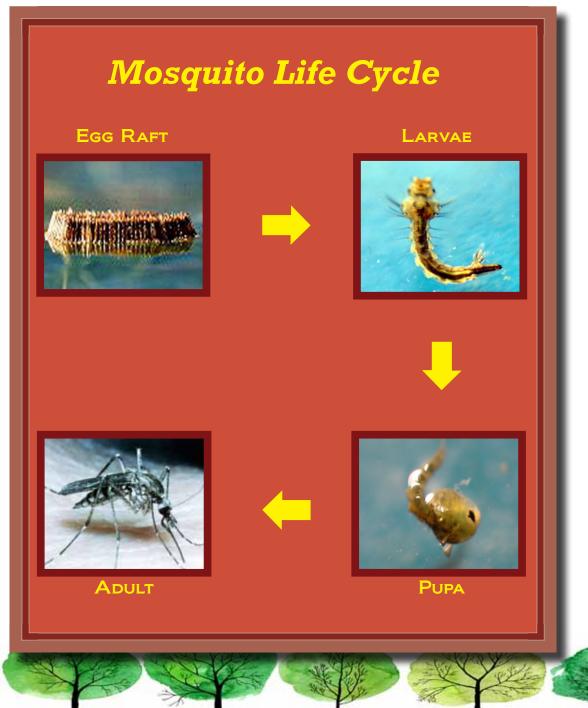
Left to right: Maritza Sandoval, Office Manager; Doug Weseman, Assistant Manager; Bill Kunde, Regional Supervisor; Matt Ball, District Manager; Darlene Starkey, Office Manager; Eric Gohre, Entomologist; AAron Lumsden, Regional Supervisor; Chris Ocegueda, Fish Biologist/Vector Ecologist.





#### **MOSQUITO BIOLOGY**

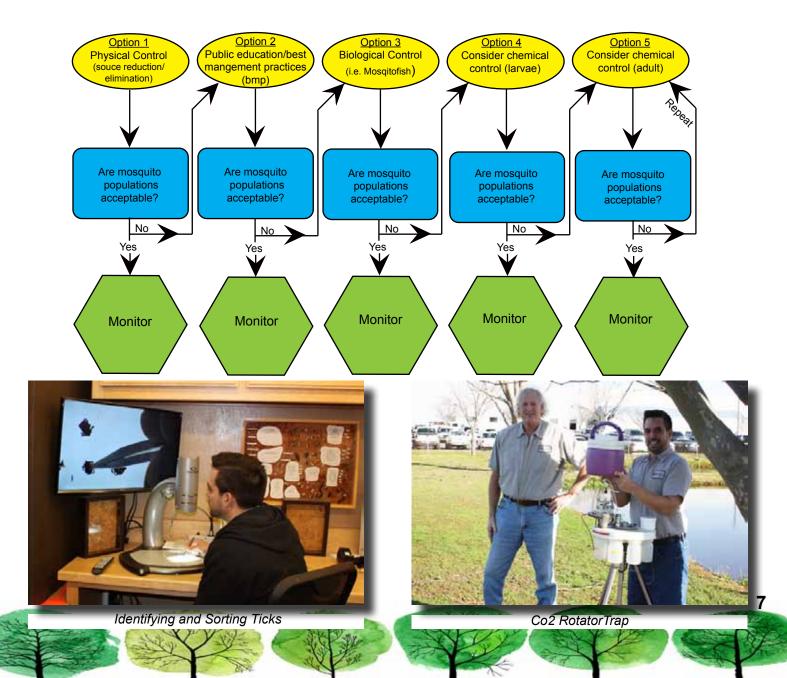
There are approximately 3,500 species of mosquitoes distributed worldwide. In California there are 53 species of mosquitoes and 25 of these are commonly found in Butte County. Mosquitoes, like other animals, must have water, food and some protection from the elements to survive. Mosquitoes undergo complete metamorphosis with four different life stages, egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Mosquito eggs and pupa are unable to feed. Larvae and adults however must feed to survive. Adult female mosquitoes need a blood meal to produce eggs, while adult male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar and juices. The time it takes for a mosquito to develop from an egg to an adult varies with different species and environments. Generally, it takes 3-5 days under optimal conditions for a mosquito to complete it's life cycle. The adult then lives between three weeks and one year. Some egg species have been known to survive for over fifty years. Female mosquitoes can have up to three or four broods of eggs in their lifetime.



#### **INTEGRATED VECTOR MANAGEMENT (IVM) PROGRAM**

Integrated Vector Management (IVM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to vector management that relies on a combination of common sense practices. The District's IVM program uses current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of vectors and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available vector control methods, is used to manage vector 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 IVM program includes public education/best management practices, physical control (source reduction and/or elimination), biological control, chemical control, and monitoring.

Each time one of the District's state certified Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists locates a mosquito breeding source the site is accessed and the flow chart below is followed. If the mosquito breeding source can be eliminated then the flow chart stops and the source is monitored.



#### PHYSICAL CONTROL / SOURCE REDUCTION AND/OR ELIMINATION

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.



Using Agrosoke to fill a tree hole

## PUBLIC EDUCATION / OUTREACH AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The District's mission is to protect residents from mosquitoes and other vectors that transmit disease. Public education and information is an important part in 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 public education and outreach 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.



## 2018 PUBLIC EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District's (District) Public Education Department was very busy in 2018. Below is a recap of the 2018 public education campaign;

The District partnered with Stott Advertising for the tenth year in a row on a District-wide mosquito prevention billboard advertising campaign. The billboard campaign ran from May through September. The eight billboards rotated throughout the District. This year's slogan was "Prevent Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus".

The District had display booths at the Chico Home and Garden Show, Gold Nugget Days in Paradise, Feather Fiesta Days in Oroville, Red Suspenders Day in Gridley, Biggs National Night Out, Berry Creek Berry Festival, Forbestown Daze, Butte County Fair in Gridley, and the Salmon Festival in Oroville. All of the events that the District attends have an excellent insect display put together by District Entomologist Eric Gohre, as well as a mosquitofish and mosquito larvae display. At these events the District also hands out, free of charge, fly/mosquito swatters, tick identification cards, recyclable shopping bags, and mosquito repellent.

The PR Department has conducted many TV, radio, and newspaper interviews, issued press releases, and published public notices. The television interviews were granted to KHSL 12 News, KNVN 24 News, and KRCR News Channel 7. Radio interviews were granted to KPAY radio in Chico. Newspaper/internet interviews were granted to the Chico Enterprise Record, the Chico News and Review, the Oroville Mercury News, the Paradise Post, the Orion, and the Appeal Democrat. A group presentation was given at the Lake Oroville Visitor Center.

The District also ran print advertisements in the Chico ER and the Chico News and Review. The District also contracted with Action News Now in Chico to create a television public service announcement (PSA). The PSA ran from July through the end of September.

The District also had radio advertising with Deer Creek Broadcasting and Radio Chico. These programs ran from June through the end of September.

District staff gave several school presentations on Mosquitoes and Ticks throughout the District.

The District believes that through public education, people learn the importance of avoiding/preventing mosquito bites. If a person can avoid getting bit by a mosquito, they can avoid getting a mosquitoborne illness. Some of the ways the District suggests that residents prevent mosquito bites is by staying inside at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, wearing repellent and/or 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 possible mosquito breeding sources, and drain any unnecessary standing water.



#### **2018 PUBLIC EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Billboard Advertising (Throughout the County)
- Butte County Fair, Gridley (Booth)
- Gold Nugget Days, Paradise (Booth)
- Feather Fiesta Days, Oroville (Booth)
- Berry Creek Berry Festival (Booth)
- Forbestown Daze, Forbestown (Booth)
- Salmon Festival, Oroville (Booth)
- Red Suspenders Day, Gridley (Booth)
- K-6 Classroom Presentations on Ticks and Mosquitoes (Throughout the County)
- Chico News and Review, Chico Enterprise Record, Gridley Herald, Print Advertising
- Chico Home and Garden Show (Booth)
- Lake Oroville Visitor Center (Presentation)
- Television Public Service Announcement (Action News Now)
- Several Print, Radio, and Television Interviews
- Biggs National Night Out, Biggs (Booth)
- Radio Advertising with Deer Creek Broadcasting and Radio Chico



#### 10 years of Annual Reports

# PUBLIC EDUCATION Prevent Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus

# ButteMosquito.com

2018 Billboard Campaign









2018 Public Education Pictures

#### **GIS/GPS SYSTEM**

2018 marked the first time in 10 years that the District employed a new GIS (geographic information system). 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/bill-ing, 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, 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 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.

#### WWW.BUTTEMOSQUITO.COM

The District's website continues to be an important tool in educating the public about mosquitoes and other vectors and the practices of the District. 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, as well as, 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.

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Laptop mounted inside vehicle



District website home page

#### **EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

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 award winning Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District's email notification system, to compose and send out the fogging notifications via email. These email notifications are sent out, in most cases, 24 plus hours before a fogging operation takes place. The notifications include maps of the areas to be fogged, links to the labels and safety data sheets of the public health pesticides used, the dates and times of the fogging operations, and a link to the District website. The public can sign up for email notifications, as well as links to the public health pesticides. The District website also has the fogging notifications, as well as 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.



#### MOSQUITO FOGGING NOTIFICATION

Mosquito Fogging will take place on 08/08/2018 in the Honcut, Pacific Heights, Palermo, South Oroville areas. Please see the attached map(s) for detailed information. If you are unable to open or view the map(s) because of browser, memory space, or software problems please see the same map(s) at our website at <u>www.BCMVCD.com</u>. The fogging will take place from approximately 8:15 PM to 10:30 PM. Fogging operations may be cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions.

#### Product(s) used in these areas will be Duet.

Links To Duet:

Label

SDS

As a reminder, the District has a FREE Mosquitofish program. FREE Mosquitofish are available for pick up in the following communities; (1) Concow, (3) Paradise, (1) Magalia, (1) Hamilton City, (1) Gridley, (3) Chico. Additionally FREE Mosquitofish can be picked up by appointment at the District's Chico substation at 444 Otterson Drive or any time during business hours at the District's main office located at 5117 Larkin Road in Oroville. Also, Mosquitofish can be delivered to you just by visiting the District's website or by calling the District office. For more information, locations of the FREE mosquitofish pickup locations, and/or delivery of FREE Mosquitofish, please contact us at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350 visit the District website at <u>www.BCMVCD.com</u>

MOSQUITOFISH ARE ONLY TO BE USED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY and ARE NOT TO BE PLANTED IN CREEKS, STREAMS, RIVERS, and LAKES.

#### SUSPECTED MOQUITO-BREEDING

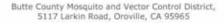
Should you observe and/or see a water source that you believe or could produce mosquitoes, please call us at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350 or visit www.BCMVCD.com. Reporters of suspected mosquito-breeding sources have the option to remain anonymous.

Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (530) 533-6038, (530) 342-7350 www.BCMVCD.com

Additional information can be obtained by viewing the manufacturers website at:

#### Clarke Mosquito Control

For more information please call the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (530) 533-6038 (from Oroville, Richvale, Biggs, Gridley, Berry Creek) or (530) 342-7350 (from Chico, Paradise, Cohasset, Forest Ranch) or visit <u>www.BCMVCD.com</u>

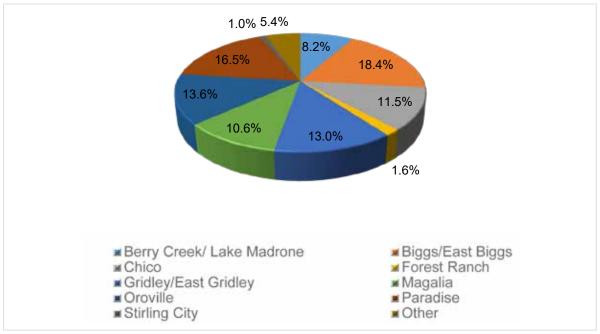


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# 2018 SERVICE REQUEST PERCENTAGES

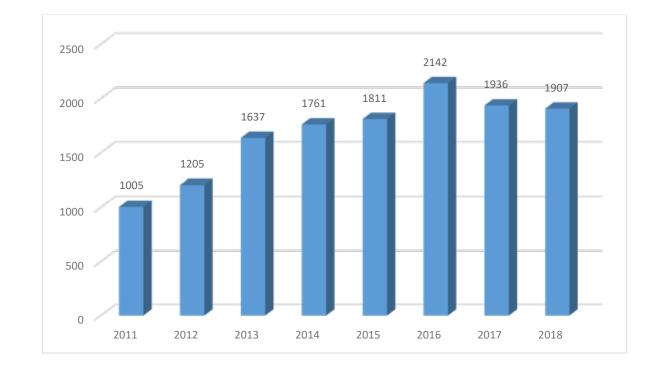


	Number of Service	
Area	Requests	Percentages
Bangor	1	0.05%
Berry Creek/Lake Madrone	168	8.81%
Biggs/East Biggs	325	17.04%
Brush Creek	15	0.79%
Butte Valley	3	0.16%
Chico	234	12.27%
Clipper Mills	9	0.47%
Cohasset	13	0.68%
Dayton	9	0.47%
Durham	1	0.05%
Forbestown	7	0.37%
Forest Ranch	34	1.78%
Gridley/East Gridley	256	13.42%
Hamilton City	4	0.21%
Honcut	2	0.10%
Magalia	183	9.60%
Nelson	7	0.37%
Oroville	276	14.47%
Palermo	15	0.79%
Paradise	309	16.20%
Richvale	15	0.79%
Stirling City	20	1.05%
Yankee Hill	1	0.05%

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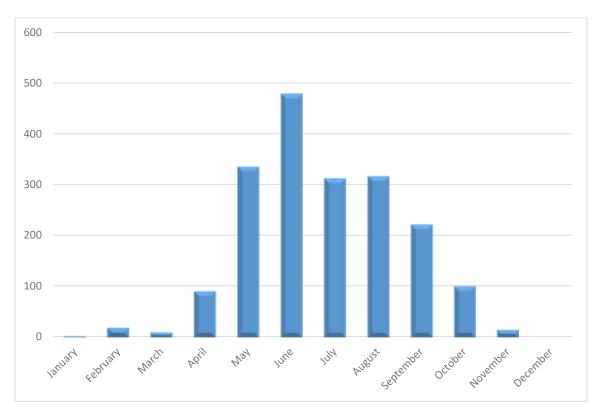
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#### **2018 ANNUAL SERVICE REQUESTS**

#### **2018 SERVICE REQUESTS BY MONTH**





## 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 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, 32 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 monitor larval mosquito populations throughout the entire District on a daily basis utilizing a standard one-pint dipper. District Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists 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.

The District utilizes an entomology department (Lab) that is staffed with an Entomologist, Vector Ecologist, and a seasonal 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 wild 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 non-targets 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.



Gravid Trap



#### VIRUS SURVEILLANCE

#### 2018 VIRUS SURVEILLANCE REPORT

The District monitors for Western equine encephalitis (WEE), St. Louis encephalitis (SLE), California encephalitis (CE), 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 U.C. Davis for testing. The blood sample is tested for SLE, WEE, CE and WNV. In 2018, 37 of the 42 sentinel chickens from all 7 District flocks tested positive for WNV.

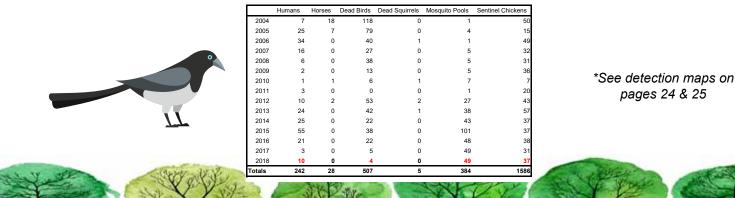
#### **MOSQUITO POOLS**

Each week the District's entomology staff strategically places traps known as encephalitis virus surveillance (EVS) or carbon dioxide traps (CO2) around the District. Traps are posted overnight and retrieved the next morning and the collections are returned to the Lab for

identification. 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 specie. Pooled mosquitoes are transferred to numbered vials and sent to the Center for Vector-Borne Disease Research (CVBDR) at the University of California, Davis. At the CVBDR lab the pools are tested for WEE, SLE, CE, and WNV. In 2018 the District sent 426 mosquito pool samples with 49 returning positive for WNV. 2018 also marked the return of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) to the District. The last time SLEV was found in the District was 1969. SLEV was detected this year in a South County mosquito pool.

#### DEAD BIRD SURVEILLANCE AND TESTING

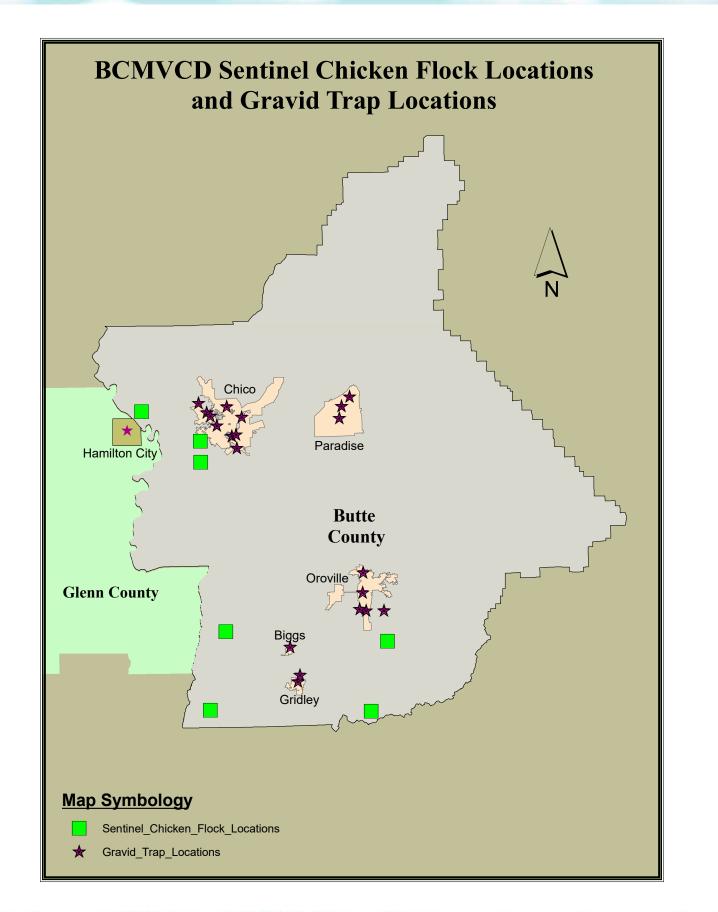
For more than ten years the District has participated in the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) WNV dead bird testing program. County residents participate in the program by calling CDPH's dead bird hotline (1-877-WNV-BIRD) each time they find a dead bird in the District or by submitting an online form at one of these two websites, *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.



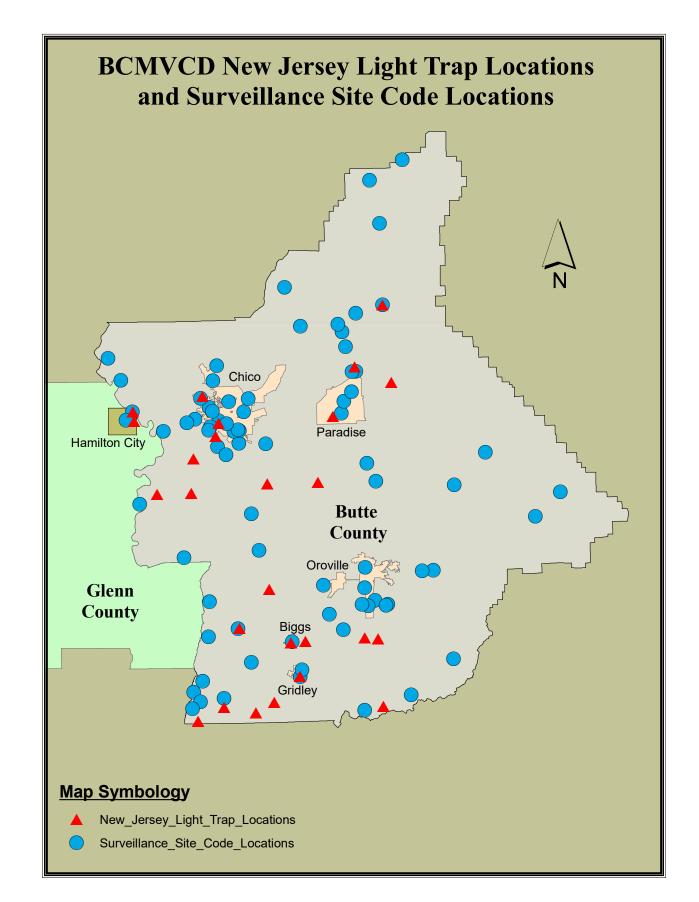




Sentinel Chickens







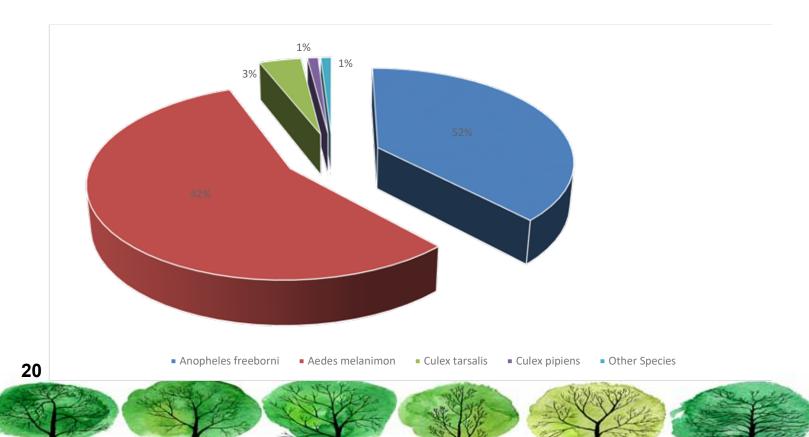


# 2018 NEW JERSEY LIGHT TRAP COLLECTIONS (FEMALES ONLY) MARCH 2018 - NOVEMBER 2018

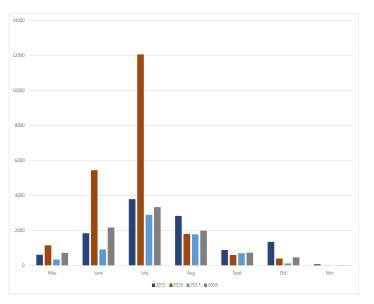
Ranking	Mosquito Species	Number Collected	% (Rounded)
1	<u>Aedes melanimon</u>	197627	56%
2	<u>Anopheles freeborni</u>	133940	38%
3	Culex tarsalis	15540	3%
4	Culex pipiens	2429	<1%
5	Culiseta incidens	2,414	<1%
6	Culiseta inornata	2,181	<1%
7	Anopheles franciscanus	652	<1%
8	Aedes vexans	212	<1%
9	Aedes sierrensis	158	<1%
10	Culex stigmatosoma	46	<1%
11	Anopheles punctipennis	38	<1%
12	Aedes washinoi	30	<1%
13	Culex erythrothorax	4	<1%

Total Identified = 355271

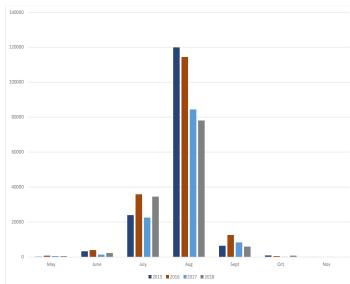
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#### NEW JERSEY LIGHT TRAP SEASONAL FLUCTUATION OF VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE VECTORS



#### **CULEX TARSALIS**



**ANOPHELES FREEBORNI** 

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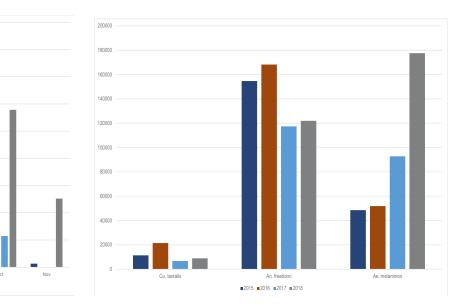
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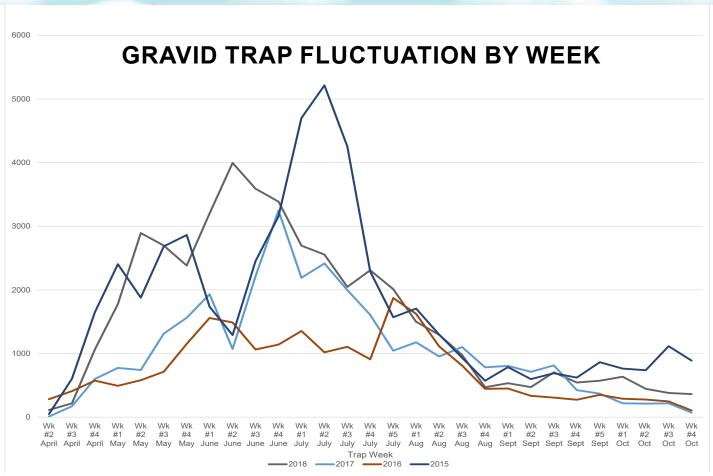
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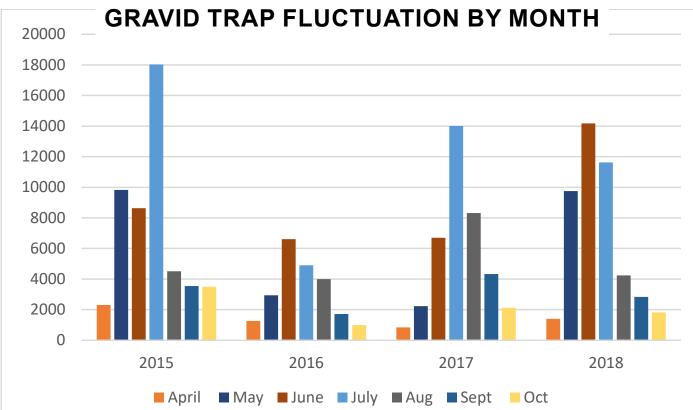
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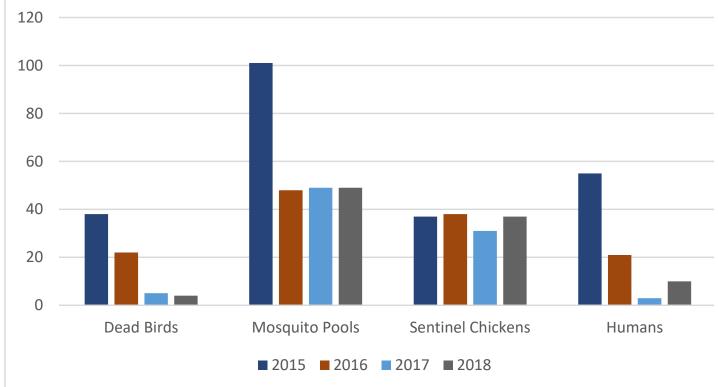
ANNUAL TOTAL FEMALE MOSQUITOES















#### 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 be permanent. WNV infection can be fatal.

#### MILDER SYMPTOMS IN SOME PEOPLE

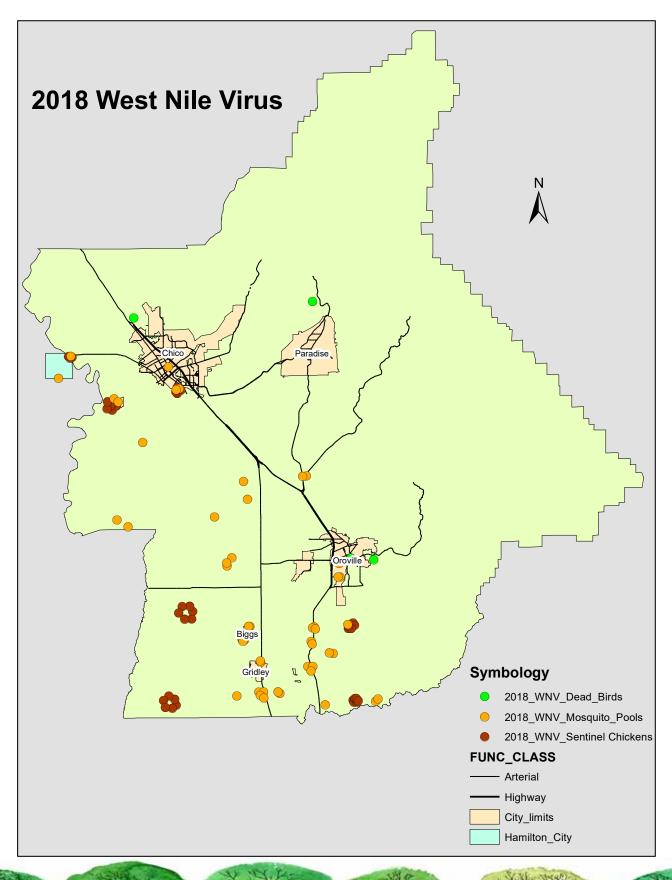
Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display symptoms including fever, headache and/or body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a rash on the chest, stomach, and back. Symptoms can last as little as a few days to several weeks.

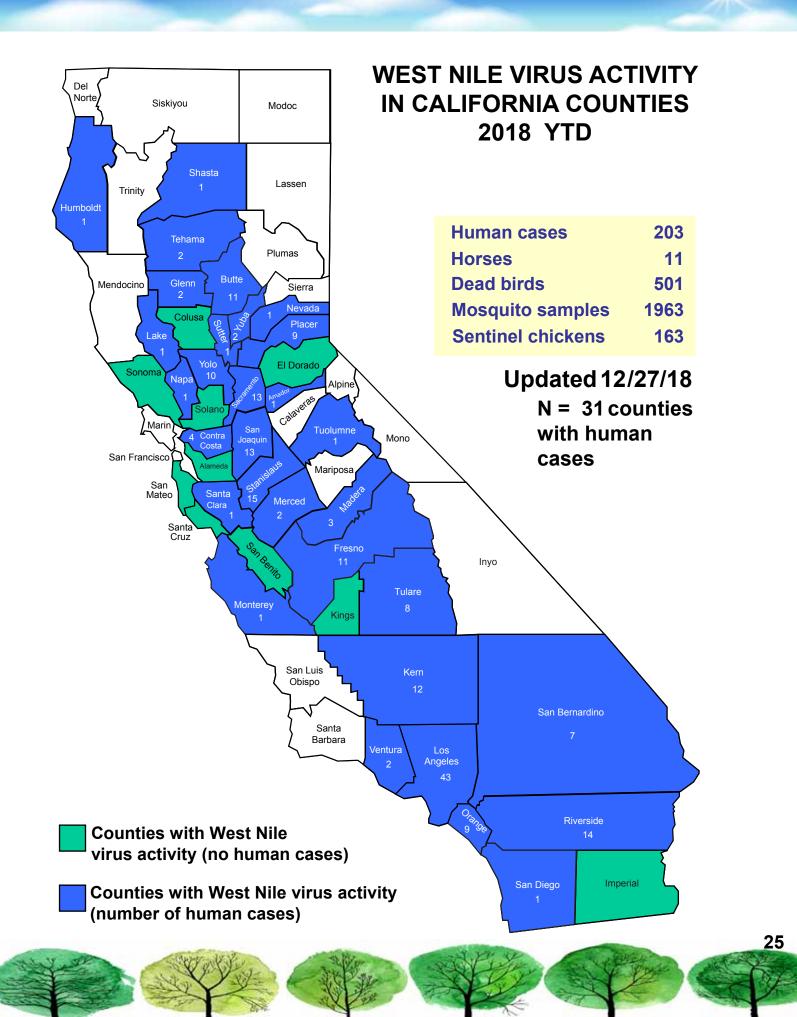
#### NO SYMPTOMS IN MOST PEOPLE

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



#### 2018 BUTTE COUNTY WEST NILE VIRUS MAP





## **BIOLOGICAL CONTROL**

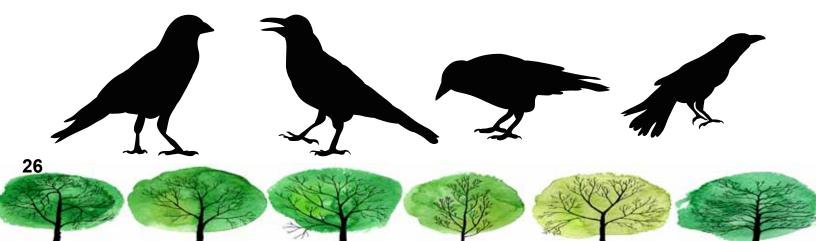
Biological control is the intentional use of mosquito pathogens, parasites or predators to reduce the size of target mosquito populations to tolerable levels. The most popular and successful biological tool that is used by the District is the mosquitofish, *Gambusia affinis*. The District has tried other biological control methods and will continue to fully explore any new options that come along, but the most effective biological tool the District currently uses is the mosquitofish. Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District maintains six fishponds at the Oroville Headquarters. These ponds produce hundreds of pounds of mosquitofish each year. The mosquitofish are routinely stocked and planted by District Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists 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, and at times in 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, 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.

	Fish Pla		
Zone	Amount	Acres	Applications
1	12.92	25	82
3	0.21	0.42	4
4	11.12	22.24	49
6	32.982	62.478	90
8	8.1	16.2	46
9	0.5	1	1
10	264.9	529.8	17
11	49.65	99.3	37
12	1.36	2.72	16
14	40.58	82.2	103
All Zones	422.322	841.358	445



Mosquitofish



#### **AQUACULTURE CENTER**

Mosquito and Vector Control District's across the nation are very familiar with mosquitofish, but most Districts are not as familiar with indoor aquaculture systems. BCMVCD has six 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 sein size. This allows small fish to pass through and only large adults will be taken for District needs. BCMVCD has produced 360,356 fry for the year of 2018 that should be ready for the upcoming 2019 season.



AquaCulture Center



Fish Biologist Chris Ocegueda



Auto-Feeder



**Breeding Boxes** 



## **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.



Ag-Cat treating a wetland for mosquito larvae



Residual treatment



Fogger Maintenance



Fogging



<u>Materials</u> Larvicides	Amount of Mat	<u>erial</u>	Acres Treated	Number of Applications
Abate 4E	0.05	gals	4.00	4
Agnique	0.77	gals	0.92	25
Altosid SBG II	17,027.00	lbs	2,374.66	57
Altosid EX Briquettes	3.62	lbs	0.10	7
Cocobear Oil	630.11	gals	203.43	912
MetaLarv	240.00	lbs	96.00	12
Natular DT	13.89	lbs	0.40	82
Natular XRT	458.62	lbs	12.34	373
Vectobc 12AS	2,757.35	gals	38,972.13	595
Vectobac GR	65,688.69	lbs	6,487.41	168
VectoMax WSP	25.61	lbs	1.34	162
VectoPrime	133.06	lbs	26.61	1
Adulticides				
Duet	957.12		191,091.93	760
Perm X ULV	391.97	•	31,238.98	330
Trumpet	1,140.00	gals	145,937.62	21
Barrier Sprayes				
Suspend	6.25	gals	18.30	190
Yellow Jacket Control	1.25	lbs	2.00	19
Knox Out 2FM	0.03		20.00	19
Herbicides				
Dimension		gals	1.66	1
Envoy Plus Herbicide	0.09	gals	0.94	2 4
Finale	0.66		2.18	4
Round Up Pro Max	0.56	gals	0.90	4
Aircraft Spraying				
Total Acres Treated	193,632.485	1		
Total Acres Rice	38,972.171			
Managed Wetlands	8,723.494			
	145,936.820			8
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#### TICK SURVEILLANCE

Tick surveillance in Butte County is done primarily because of the diseases that ticks can transmit. In the United States ticks are known to transmit 14 human illnesses. The two that infect humans most often are Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by a bacterium known as a Borrelia burgdorferi. People get Lyme disease when a tick infected with the Lyme disease bacterium attaches and feeds on them. The tick that is responsible for spreading Lyme disease in Northern California is the Western Black-legged tick. RMSF is a bacterial disease caused by the bacterium, Rickettsia. Transmission of the RMSF bacteria is primarily from the Pacific Coast tick. Both of these ticks can be readily found in Butte County.

District tick surveillance consists of "flagging", identifying, and testing. "Flagging" is 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, put into pools of five, and then sent off for testing. In 2018, 370 tick pools were sent off for testing with approximately 10% coming back positive for Lyme disease. This information can lead to risk assessment warnings to residents in areas that have high tick activity.



Tick "flagging



Locating tick on the "flag"



Collecting the Tick



Western Black Legged tick



## YELLOW JACKET 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 areas, and backyards.

The District will respond to reports of high yellowjacket activity if the caller has located the nest. 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.



Locating the nest entrance



"Dusting" the nest



Yellowjacket



Hornet



## **DISTRICT SHOP**

The District's shop provides the maintenance and repairs for 30 plus vehicles, 3 forklifts, 1 backhoe, 3 ATV's, 2 amphibious Tritons, 1 UTV, 1 loader truck 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, small engines such as chain saws, 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.

#### **DISTRICT AIR OPERATIONS**

At the Oroville facility, 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 such as new instruments and instrument panels, installation of new technology (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 Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists.









#### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Greeted by a nice smile and a pleasant tone, professional and courteous customer service is the number one priority for the District's administration staff. The District employs one full time Office Manager. The tasks of the administrative personnel involve serving the residents of Butte County and Hamilton City, as well as, the employees of the District. Accounting, budgeting, responding to telephone inquiries, maintaining public records, coordinating policies, and reporting to the Board of Trustees are just a few of the many duties the department performs.





#### 2018 BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Name Albert Beck

- Carl Starkey Susan Mason Steve Ostling Thomas Vickery James Bo Sheppard Larry Kirk Bruce Johnson Melissa Schuster Tom Anderson Gordon Andoe
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City of Biggs	De
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City of Gridley	De
Town of Paradise	De
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City of Oroville	De

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December 31, 2021
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#### 2018 BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

#### Name

Matt Ball Doug Weseman Del Boyd Darlene Starkey Maritza Sandoval Eric Gohre Bill Kunde AAron Lumsden Chris Ocegueda Beth Vice Phillip Henry Shane Robertson Don Lasik Aaron Goff Glen Williams Eric Dillard Shane Cassitv Charlie Favilla Brian Jackson Matthew Lasik Daniel Mayer John Perkins Joseph Petty Diego Ramirez Spencer Scarbrough Cody Scheer Ma Vang

Manager Assistant Manager Pilot II Office Manager Office Manager Entomologist II **Regional Supervisor Regional Supervisor** Vector Ecologist/Fish Biologist **MVCS MVCS MVCS MVCS MVCS MVCS MVCS MVCS** MVC Assistant Seasonal Yard/Tank Truck Asst Shop/Yard Assist **MVC** Assistant Seasonal MVC Assistant Seasonal



**Chicken Coop Construction** 



Airplane Maintenance

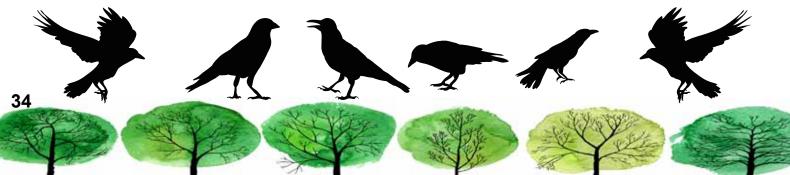


# SPECIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

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 non-exhaustive 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 the 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 number of traps used, increase the amount of mosquitoes tested, commence with the surveillance of invasive species surveillance such as the Asian Tiger Mosquito and Yellow Fever Mosquito (both of which have been introduced into California in the past 3 years) 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 on 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 mosquito-breeding 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 controls importance will only continue to grow.



#### TRANSPARENCY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

For the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

"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."

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.

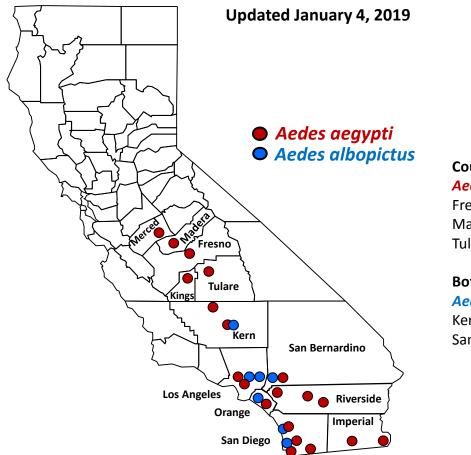
Finally, the District must have demonstrated outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through regular district newsletters and community engagement projects.

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## **CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES**

Two invasive (non-native) mosquito species have recently been found in several California cities (see map below), and there is a potential for them to spread into other areas of California. They are named <u>Aedes aegypti</u> (the yellow fever mosquito) and <u>Aedes albopictus</u> (the Asian tiger mosquito). Unlike most native mosquito species, <u>Aedes aegypti</u> and <u>Aedes albopictus</u> 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. <u>Aedes aegypti</u> and <u>Aedes albopictus</u> have the potential to transmit several viruses, including dengue, chikungunya, Zika, and yellow fever.

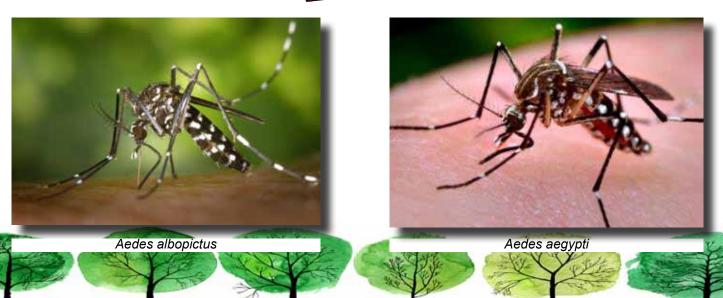
#### Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus Mosquitoes in California Detection Sites by County



**Counties with** *Aedes aegypti* only: Fresno, Imperial, Kings, Madera, Riverside, Merced, Tulare

# Both *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*:

Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego



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				Variance				
						Favorable		
			Budgeted		Actual	(U	nfavorable	
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Revenue		<b>\$</b>	3,740,077	φ	4,231,679	Ð	491,602	
SALARIES & BENEFITS								
Salaries		\$	1,427,432	\$	1,355,347	\$	72,08	
Workers Compensation		\$	60,000	\$	68,612	\$	(8,61	
FICA & U I		\$	125,000	\$	119,946	\$	5,05	
Health Insurance PERS		\$ \$	350,000 323,000	\$ \$	291,425	\$ \$	58,57	
PERO	TOTAL	φ \$	2,285,432	э \$	<u>307,976</u> 2,143,307	э \$	<u>15,02</u> 142,12	
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Education & Publicity		φ \$	45,000	э \$	52,945	Գ \$	(7,94	
Insecticides		\$	593,000	<b>₽</b> \$\$	685,973	₽ \$	(92,97	
Expendable Equipment		\$	40,000	<b>\$</b>	22,943	\$	17,05	
Communications		\$	40,000	\$	31,649	\$	8,35	
Travel		\$	15,000	\$	4,995	\$	10,00	
Utilities		\$	45,000	\$	28,933	\$	16,06	
Rent		\$	5,000	\$	4,323	\$	67	
Special Services		\$	100,000	\$	93,170	\$	6,83	
Trustee Allowance		\$	13,200	\$	11,900	\$	1,30	
General Insurance		\$	90,000	\$	81,139	\$	8,86	
Employee Trng & Dues		\$	15,000	\$	9,508	\$	5,49	
District Fees and Permits		\$	30,000	\$	21,101	\$	8,89	
Miscellaneous		\$	14,000	\$	11,386	\$	2,61	
Research Supplies		\$	45,000	\$	33,499	\$	11,50	
Alternate Technology		\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,00	
Special Discretionary Gambusia		\$ \$	13,000	\$ \$	<u>13,488</u> 9,894	\$ \$	(48) 3,10	
Gambusia	TOTAL	\$	13,000 1,277,200	<del>₽</del> \$	1,252,812		24,38	
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Bldg & Improvements		\$	153,000	\$	152,318	\$ \$	68	
Vehicles Spray Equipment		\$ \$	110,000 45,000	\$ \$	92,706 44,103	<u></u> ት \$	17,29 89	
Aircraft		\$	5,000	э \$	- 44,105	Գ \$	5,00	
Office Equipment		\$	1,000	\$ \$	-	₽ \$	1,00	
Laboratory Equipment		\$	7,000	¥ \$	7,312	¥ \$	(31	
Shop Equipment		\$	1,000	\$		¢ \$	1,00	
Education & Publicity		\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,00	
Miscellaneous		\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,00	
Communications		\$	129,650	\$	111,075	\$	18,57	
	TOTAL	\$	453,650	\$	407,514	\$	46,13	
Appropriation for contingend	cies	\$	633,908	\$	-	\$	633,90	
Grand Total		\$	4,650,190	\$	3,803,633	\$	846,55	
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Excess(Deficiency) of		*	/040 440	4	400.045	*	4 330 45	
Revenue over Expenditures		\$	(910,113)	\$	428,045	\$	1,338,15	
Fund Balance 2017					3,586,522			
Fund Balance 2018					3,733,554			

#### **Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District** Balance Sheet Audit Information For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

		General	Reclassification	Statement of
Current Assets		Fund	Eliminations	Net Position
Cash and cash eq	uivalents	3,701,558	Linnationio	3,701,558
Accrued interest re		13,423		13,423
	le - charges for services	33,734		33,734
Material & supplies	•	297,046		297,046
Prepaid expenses		24,543		24,543
	Total Current Assets	4,070,304		4,070,304
Non-currrent Asset	ts			
Capital assets not	being depreciated		615,403	615,403
Capital assets, bei	ing depreciated		2,569,386	2,569,386
	Totan Non Current Assets	-	3,184,789	3,184,789
	Total Assets	4,070,304	3,184,789	7,255,093
Deferred outflows	of resources			
Deferred pension of	outflows		832,818	832,818
	Total deferred outflows of resources	-	832,818	832,818
Current Liabilities				-
	& accrued expenses	27,642		27,642
Accrued salaries a		63,829		63,829
Long term-liabilite	s due within one year	,		,
Compensated a	bsences		121,763	121,763
	Total Current Liabilities	91,471	121,763	213,234
Non-current liabilit	ies			
Long term liabilitie	es-due in more than one year			
Compensated a	-		487,052	487,052
Net pension liab			3,408,628	3,408,628
I I	Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	3,895,680	3,895,680
	Total Liabilities	91,471	4,017,443	4,108,914
Deferred inflows of	f resources			
Deferred pension i			95,481	95,481
	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	95,481	95,481
Fund Balance				
Nonspendable		321,589	(321,589)	-
Assigned		608,815	(608,815)	-
Unassigned		3,048,429	(3,048,429)	-
5	Total Fund Balance	3,978,833	(3,978,833)	-
	Total Liabilities and Funds Balance	4,070,304	-	
Net position:				
Net investment in c	capital assets		3,184,789	3,184,789
11				

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3,883,516

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Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted

**Total net position** 

