



Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING AERIAL SURVEILLANCE

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) hereby gives notice that it intends to conduct aerial surveillance of un-maintained swimming pools and other “backyard sources” such as boats holding water, ponds without circulation, unused tires, unmaintained hot tubs and other manmade objects that hold water, to protect the public's health. Commencing on Monday, May 22, 2017, the Butte County Sheriff and the District will again join forces in this effort to protect the public's health. The Butte County Sheriff's helicopter will be assisting in most of the flights that will be required to accomplish this project

The District is starting the helicopter surveillance program in May in order to locate problem-breeding sources earlier in the mosquito season and lessening the severity of urban mosquito populations later in the year. Mosquito larvae have already been located in many urban mosquito-breeding sources and if the District delayed the program any longer, several generations of mosquitoes would hatch from these areas heightening the likelihood of virus transmission later in the summer.

Residents are urged to protect themselves from mosquitoes by preventing mosquito breeding on their property. Residents should inspect their properties for any standing water and do what is necessary to remove the water and safeguard their property to ensure water won't stand in the future where applicable.

District personnel will on occasion enter onto private property within the District to make inspections for larval breeding. These inspections and any necessary control measures are made under the authority of California Health and Safety Code Section 2000 et. seq.

The District may apply Cal EPA registered public health pesticides for the control of immature mosquitoes to any site that holds water for more than 96 hours or where larvae are present. A list of public health pesticides used by the District is posted on the District's website at www.BCMVCD.com.

For more information, contact Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250 or call 533-6038 or 342-7350 or visit www.BCMVCD.com.