BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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*On the cover, West Branch Feather River, Lake Oroville by Eric Maurstad

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BCMVCD JURISDICTION



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 area served by the Durham Mosquito Abatement District, 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

Foreword

It is my honor to submit the 2021 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.

As most of you know, 2021 was not a normal year. COVID-19 and massive and seemingly endless wildfires plagued the state for most of the year. The District was deemed an essential service and continued to operate with minimal modifications as COVID shutdown most business and commerce. 2021 also delivered an unwelcome species of mosquito to Butte County. For the second year in a row, *Aedes aegypti*, a major public health concern, was collected and identified in Butte County. Detections of this mosquito were found in Chico, Oroville, Thermalito, and Gridley. Through the challenges and pitfalls of 2021, the District was still able to perform the essential services the public we serve have come to rely on and responded to 1419 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 continues to conduct 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 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,

APCL

Matthew C. Ball District Manager

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



OPERATIONS STAFF

Left to right: *Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists* **Glen Williams Charlie Favilla Jeremy Edwards Kellen Larson Kenny Armstrong Eric Dillard Mike Mattia**

Not Pictured: Aaron Goff Shane Robertson



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MOSQUITO BIOLOGY

There are approximately 3,500 species of mosquitoes distributed worldwide. In California there are 53 established species of mosquitoes and 26 of these are commonly found in Butte County. Recent introductions of *Aedes aegypti* have been detected in Butte County and efforts are being made to control and possibly eradicate these non-native species. 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 pupae 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 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, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination 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 (source reduction and/or elimination), biological control, chemical control, and monitoring.

Each time one of the District's state certified vector control technicians 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.





Sorting Mosquitoes



Identifying Ticks

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.

2021 PUBLIC EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

2021, like 2020, proved to be a difficult year for the public education department. Fairs and special day events, that the District has historically attended, were fewer due to restrictions.

The District was able to continue its billboard campaign and once again partnered with Stott Advertising. The 2021 slogan was "Fight The Bite!". The eight billboards rotated throughout the county and ran from May through September.

With the detection of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Chico, Oroville and Gridley in 2021, 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 10,673 mailers in Chico, 9,595 in Oroville, and 1,684 in Gridley. 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 in Chico and ran a new television public service announcement (PSA). The PSA ran from June through the end of September.

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

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

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.



Invasive Mosquito Species Brochure.

2021 PUBLIC EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Billboard Advertising (Throughout the County)
- Chico News and Review, Chico Enterprise Record, Print Advertising
- Television Public Service Announcement (Action News Now)
- Print, Radio, and Television Interviews
- Radio Advertising with Deer Creek Broadcasting and Radio Chico
- Invasive Aedes Brochures
- Invasive Aedes Door Hangers
- Invasive Aedes Mailers
- Gold Nugget Craft Faire
- Red Suspenders Days
- Butte County Fair



Gold Nugget Craft Faire





PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING

REPORT DAY-BITING MOSQUITOES! Please call the District at (530) 533-6038 AEDES AEGYPTI (Yellow Fever mosquito)



Actual Size: About ¼ inch long WHYTHE CONCERN? Aedes aegypti is an invasive mosquito in California. It can be a major annoyance and a public health threat, potentially capable of transmitting several diseases including Zika, dengue, and chikungunya.

FACTS: Invasive Aedes 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.
- Invasive Aedes are "container breeders" Individual eggs are glued to the sides of containers. The eggs are resistant to drying out and can survive for many months until water covers them.



REPORT DAY-BITING MOSQUITOES call the District at (530) 533-6038 There is no charge for District services.

www.buttemosquito.com



www.buttemosquito.com

Aedes aegypti Door Hanger

PUBLIC EDUCATION



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





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

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Invasive Mosquito Mailer

GIS/GPS SYSTEM

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 work-flow 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, labo-

ratory 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 based off of the heightened surveillance feature, and the Resistance Management module. MapVision® Enterprise dynamically bridges all vector



Mapvision Screenshot

control departments in real time, resulting in the most efficient, effective and resourceful geospatial data management solution available.

WWW.BUTTEMOSQUITO.COM

2021 continued our success with the new website. On the website, the user can make a service request, sign up for email notification of upcoming fogging operations, view vector-borne disease activ-



District Website Home Page

ity 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.

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, 30 plus 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 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 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 Notice

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.





For downloadable and larger map(s), please visit: www.ButteMosquito.com

Dayton Area

Example of Constant Contact Email Notification

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2021 SERVICE REQUEST PERCENTAGES				
Area	Number of Service Requests	Percentage		
Bangor	7	0.49%		
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Dariyu	I	0.4970
Berry Creek	41	2.89%
Biggs	131	9.23%
Butte City	2	0.14%
Butte Valley	3	0.21%
Chico	253	17.83%
Clipper Mills	1	0.07%
Cohasset	12	0.85%
Dayton	1	0.07%
Durham	4	0.28%
East Biggs	5	0.35%
Feather Falls	4	0.28%
Forbestown	17	1.20%
Forest Ranch	29	2.04%
Gridley	178	12.54%
Hamilton City	1	0.07%
Magalia	255	17.97%
Oroville	329	23.19%
Palermo	6	0.42%
Paradise	104	7.33%
Richvale	21	1.48%
Stirling City	15	1.06%
Totals	1419	100%





2021 ANNUAL SERVICE REQUESTS

2021 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, 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 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 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



Entomologist Amanda Bradford

VIRUS SURVEILLANCE

2021 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 2021, 27 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.

Sentinel Chickens



Palermo Chicken Coop

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 2021, the District sent 436 mosquito pool samples with 80 returning positive for WNV.

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

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.

*See Detection Maps on Pages 24 & 25

West Nile Virus Positives						
Year	Humans	Horses	Dead Birds	Dead Squirrels	Mosquito Pools	Sentinel Chickens
2004	7	18	118	0	1	50
2005	25	7	79	0	4	15
2006	34	0	40	1	1	49
2007	16	0	27	0	5	32
2008	6	0	38	0	5	31
2009	2	0	13	0	5	36
2010	1	1	6	1	7	7
2011	3	0	0	0	1	20
2012	10	2	53	2	27	43
2013	24	0	42	1	38	57
2014	25	0	22	0	43	37
2015	55	0	38	0	101	37
2016	21	0	22	0	48	38
2017	3	0	5	0	49	31
2018	12	0	4	0	49	37
2019	5	0	1	0	45	34
2020	4	1	4	0	31	23
2021	13	0	2	0	80	27
Totals	266	29	514	5	540	604



BCMVCD New Jersey Light Trap Locations and Surveillance Site Code Locations Chico Paradise Hamilton City **Butte** County Oroville ~ 7-23 Glenn County Biggs Gridley

Map Symbology

- New_Jersey_Light_Trap_Locations
 - Surveillance_Site_Code_Locations

2021 NEW JERSEY LIGHT TRAP COLLECTIONS (FEMALES ONLY) MARCH 2021 - NOVEMBER 2021

Ranking	Mosquito Species	Number Collected	% (Rounded)
1	An freeborni	132,864	50%
2	Ae melanimon	79,152	30%
3	Cx tarsalis	45,979	17%
4	Cx pipiens	3,723	1%
5	Cs inornata	1,184	<1%
6	Ae vexans	1,081	<1%
7	Ae nigromaculis	653	<1%
8	Cs incidens	218	<1%
9	Ae washinoi	142	<1%
10	Cx stigmatosoma	140	<1%
11	Cx erythrothorax	127	<1%
12	Ae sierrensis	68	<1%
13	An franciscanus	42	<1%
14	An punctipennis	14	<1%
	Total Identified	265,387	100.00%



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



CULEX TARSALIS





AEDES MELANIMON



ANNUAL TOTAL FEMALE MOSQUITOES





GRAVID TRAP FLUCTUATION BY WEEK

GRAVID TRAP FLUCTUATION BY MONTH



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 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.



VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE SECTION • CA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle

2021 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 five 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 Plants 2021						
Zone	Amount (Ibs.)	Acres	Applications			
Zone 1	20.83	41.66	157			
Zone 3	3.25	6.50	66			
Zone 4	0.12	0.24	3			
Zone 6	39.27	78.53	65			
Zone 8	20.10	40.20	117			
Zone 9	1.70	3.40	8			
Zone 10	16.06	32.12	67			
Zone 11	4.95	9.90	19			
Zone 12	8.58	17.16	83			
Zone 14	0.22	0.44	3			
ALL ZONES	115.08	230.16	588			



Mosquitofish

Did You Know?

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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.



AquaCulture Center



Fish Biologist Ryan Rothenwander



Outdoor Fry Maturation Tank



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



Fogging



Fogger Maintenance

<u>Materials</u>	Amount of Material	Acres Treated	Number of Applications
Larvicides			
Abate 4E	0.19 gals	16.5	14
Agnique MMF	11.44 gals	12.74	3
Altosid SBG II	19,819.63 lbs	2771.99	72
Altosid XR Extended Residual Briquets	15.00 each	0.035	8
Aquabac 200 G	23,385.55 lbs	3363.65	68
Cocobear Mosquito Larvicide Oil	509.90 gals	164.51	849
FourStar Briquets	261.00 each	0.60028	151
MetaLarv S-PT	82.73 lbs	33.09	18
MetaLarv XRP	2.00 each	0.0046	2
Natular DT	6,950.00 each	0.6255	159
Natular XRT	4,212.00 each	9.69	636
VectoBac -12AS	3,151.53 gals	38403.39	678
VectoBac WDG	375.00 lbs	790.52	15
VectoBac-G	48.094.64 lbs	5206.57	151
VectoMax WSP	888.00 each	1.0212	115
Adulticidos			
Duet	6 133 83 lbc	170006 /	648
	5,753.05 lbs	59011 70	427
FeilifA OL 4-4	1,140,00 gala	145055 9	427
Trumper	1,140.00 gais	145955.8	21
Barrier Sprays			
Suspend SC	3.86 gals	11.23	94
Yellow Jacket Control			
Drione Insecticide	0.30 gals	3.8	27
Herbicides			
Dimension 2EW Herbicide	0.48 gals	2	1
Finale Herbicide	5.91 gals	19.66	9
Aircraft Spraving	2		
Total Acres Treated	195,745]	
Total Acres Rice	41.523		
Managed Wetlands	8 282		
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Culex tarsalis

'Horse' Spray Pattern

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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 Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by a bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. People can get Lyme disease when an infected Western Black-Legged Tick attaches to it's human host. 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 2021, 416 tick pools were sent off for testing with approximately 4.6% coming back positive for Lyme disease and approximately 7.5% coming pack positive for Tick-borne Relapsing Fever. This information can lead to risk assessment warnings to residents in areas that have high tick activity.



Entomologist Amanda Bradford Tick "Flagging"



Collecting the Tick



Tick on the Flag



Western Black Legged Tick

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 areas, 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.



Locating the Nest Entrance



"Dusting" the Nest



Yellowjacket



Hornet

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, small engines such as 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.

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. In 2020 the District, with the help of District Pilot Del Boyd, had a new tank truck built. The new truck will be used for all liquid larvicide applications.









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 and one Office Assistant. 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.



2021 BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name	Title	Area Represented	Term Expires
Dr. Albert Beck	Board President	County at Large	December 31, 2021
Carl Starkey	Board Trustee	County at Large	December 31, 2024
Philip LaRocca	Board Trustee	County at Large	December 31, 2022
Steve Ostling	Board Trustee	County at Large	December 31, 2021
Michael Barth	Board Trustee	County at Large	December 31, 2023
Dr. Larry Kirk	Board Vice President	City of Chico	December 31, 2021
James Bo Sheppard	Board Secretary	City of Biggs	December 31, 2022
Melissa Schuster	Board Assistant Secretary	Town of Paradise	December 31, 2022
Bruce Johnson	Board Trustee	City of Gridley	December 31, 2023
Vacant	Board Trustee	City of Oroville	
Vacant	Board Trustee	Hamilton City	

2021 BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Name	Title
Matt Ball	District Manager
Doug Weseman	Assistant Manager
Del Boyd	Pilot II
Maritza Sandoval	Office Manager
Sara MacKenzie	Office Assistant
Amanda Bradford	Entomologist II
Ryan Rothenwander	Vector Ecologist/ Fish Biologist
AAron Lumsden	Regional Supervisor
Shane Cassity	Regional Supervisor
Aaron Goff	MVCS
Charlie Favilla	MVCS
Eric Dillard	MVCS
Glen Williams	MVCS
Jeremy Edwards	MVCS
Kellen Larson	MVCS
Kenny Armstrong	MVCS
Mike Mattia	MVCS
Alisha Wick	MVC Assistant Seasonal
April Damanti	MVC Assistant Seasonal
Ashley Mullins	MVC Assistant Seasonal
Chad Hamblin	Lab Assistant Seasonal
Cody Scheer	MVC Assistant Seasonal
Daniel Murphy	MVC Assistant Seasonal
Keith Martens	MVC Assistant Seasonal
Michael Langley	MVC Assistant Seasonal
Rachelle Scribner	Lab Assistant Seasonal
Ryan Gillespie	Yard Assistant Seasonal
Stephanie Burnham	MVC Assistant Seasonal

Beth Vice

Congratulations to Beth, who retired from the District in November, 2021. Beth worked for the District as a MVCS since 1993. Thank you Beth for your years of service to the District.

Don Lasik

Congratulations to Don, who retired from the District in May, 2021. Don worked for the District as a MVCS since 1999. Thank you Don for your years of service to the District.



Phillip Henry

Congratulations to Phillip, who retired from the District in March, 2021. Phillip worked for the District as a MVCS since 1995. Thank you Phillip for your years of service to the District.



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.

Did You Know? 🌠

All mosquitoes require water to breed. Some species can breed in puddles left after a rainstorm. Just a tablespoon of water is all it takes for a female to deposit her eggs. Tiny mosquito larvae develop quickly in bird baths, roof gutters, and old tires dumped in vacant lots. If you want to keep mosquitoes under **34** control around your home, you need to be vigilant about dumping any standing water every few days.

TRANSPARENCY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

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.

"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.



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 2021, The District had 59 detections of **Aedes aegypti** at 21 different locations in the cities of Chico, Oroville, Thermalito and Gridley. 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.



Butte County		
City or Census-designated Place	Aedes aegypti	Aedes albopictus
Chico	Present	
Gridley	Present	
Oroville	Present	
Thermalito	Present	



Sample Detection Map From ButteMosquito.com







Aedes albopictus

ANNEXATIONS OF SERVICE AREA

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (BCMVCD) covers 1,600 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham (DMAD) and Oroville Mosquito Abatement Districts (OMAD), which were formed earlier. The District also includes the Hamilton City area 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 approximately 23 square miles of rice agriculture.

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 12 square miles, or 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.



'Old' Service Area Map

BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

		Budgeted		Expended		Favorable	
						(Unfavorable)	
REVENUE	\$	4,368,187	\$	5,142,745	\$	774,558	
SALARIES & BENEFITS							
Salaries	\$	1,480,196	\$	1,465,001	\$	15,195	
FICA & U I	\$	149,429	\$	136,065	\$	13,364	
Workers Compensation	\$	65,000	\$	62,361	\$	2,639	
Health Insurance	\$	375,618	\$	372,841	\$	2,777	
PERS	\$	397,936	\$	390,132	\$	7,804	
	TOTAL \$	2,468,179	\$	2,426,400	\$	41,779	
SERVICES & SUPPLIES							
Gas & Oil	\$	92,500	\$	75,366	\$	17,134	
Repairs & Parts-Airplane	\$	12,000	\$	11,956	\$	44	
Repairs & Parts	\$	39,000	\$	37,302	\$	1,698	
Office Supplies	\$	18,000	\$	16,333	\$	1,667	
Education & Publicity	\$	62,500	\$	62,236	\$	265	
Insecticides	\$	895,500	\$	895,262	\$	238	
Expendable Equipment	\$	43,000	\$	42,704	\$	296	
Communications	\$	17,000	\$	16,248	\$	752	
Travel	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Utilities	\$	29.000	\$	28.339	\$	661	
Rent	\$	5.000	\$	4.697	\$	303	
Special Services	\$	215.500	\$	199.352	\$	16.148	
Trustee Allowance	\$	11.200	\$	10.900	\$	300	
General Insurance	\$	112.000	\$	111.803	\$	197	
Employee Trng & Dues	\$	11.000	\$	10.013	\$	987	
District Fees & Permits	\$	35.000	\$	34.798	\$	202	
Miscellaneous	\$	14,000	\$	12.818	\$	1.182	
Research Supplies	\$	57,000	\$	55,717	\$	1,283	
Alternate Technology	\$	1 000	\$	-	\$	1,000	
Special Discretionary	\$	16,000	\$	15 131	\$	869	
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Cambuola	TOTAL \$	1,691,200	\$	1,645,132	\$	46,068	
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
Bldg & Improvements	\$	210.000	\$	191.556	\$	18.444	
Vehicles	\$	170.000	\$	155.543	\$	14.457	
Spray Equipment	\$	18,398	\$	17 397	\$	1 001	
Aircraft	\$	8 000	\$		\$	8 000	
Office Equipment	¢	6,000	¢	5 840	ŝ	160	
Laboratory Equipment	¢ ¢	7 962	¢	6 961	ŝ	1 001	
Shop Equipment	¢ ¢	1,002	¢	0,001	ŝ	1,001	
Education & Publicity	¢ ¢	1,000	¢		¢	1,000	
Miscellaneous	¢	1,000	¢	-	¢	1,000	
Communications	ф Ф	1,000	¢		¢	1,000	
Communications	TOTAL \$	424,360	\$	377,297	\$	47,063	
Appropriation for contingencies	\$	1,089,845	\$	-	\$	1,089,845	
Grand Total	\$	5,673,584	\$	4,448,829	\$	1,224,755	
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Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$	(1,305,397)	\$	693,916			
	Fund	Balance 2020	\$	5,763,073	-		
	Fund	Balance 2021	\$	6 614 024	•		

BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET AUDIT INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2021

	_	General Fund	Reclassifications & Eliminations	Statements of Net Position
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$	6,654,786	-	6,654,786
Accounts receivable - charge for services		25,571	-	25,571
Materials and supplies inventory		586,445	-	586,445
Prepaid expenses	_	28,469		28,469
Total current assets	_	7,295,271		7,295,271
Non-current assets:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated (note 3)		-	615,403	615,403
Capital assets, being depreciated (note 3)	_	-	2,627,679	2,627,679
Total non-current assets	_	-	3,243,082	3,243,082
Total assets	_	7,295,271	3,243,082	10,538,353
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Deferred pension outflows (note 7)	-	-	699,076	699,076
Total deferred outflows of resources	_	-	699,076	699,076
Current liabilities:				
Accrued salaries and benefits		26,579	-	26,579
Long-term liabilities – due within one year:				110 (70
Compensated absences (note 4)	-	-	110,650	110,650
Total current liabilities	-	106,501	110,650	217,151
Non-current liabilities:				
Long-term liabilities – due in more than one year:				
Compensated absences (note 4)		-	442,600	442,600
Net pension liability (note /)	_	-	3,8/3,151	3,8/3,151
Total non-current liabilities	_	-	4,315,751	4,315,751
Total liabilities	_	106,501	4,426,401	4,532,902
Deferred inflows of resources:			= 4 000	- 4 000
Deterred pension inflows (note 7)	_	-	/4,899	74,899
Total deferred inflows of resources	_	-	74,899	74,899
Fund balance: (note 8)				
Non-spendable		614,914	(614,914)	-
Assigned		553,250	(553,250)	-
Unassigned	-	6,020,606	(6,020,606)	
Total fund balance	_	7,188,770	(7,188,770)	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ _	7,295,271		
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets			3,243,082	3,243,082
Unrestricted			3,386,546	3,386,346
Total net position			6,629,628	6,629,628

