



Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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Subject: Unseasonable Rain and Looming Hot Temperatures Cause Mosquito Concern

Contact: District Manager Matt Ball or Public Information Officer Doug Weseman at (530) 533-6038 or (530) 342-7350.

The recent unseasonable rains coupled with the predicted forthcoming high temperatures have created the perfect storm for mosquito breeding. The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is warning residents to take precautions to prevent mosquito breeding problems. Residents are asked to check their properties for any standing water that may have been left by the recent rains. This includes rain gutters, boat covers, containers, old tires, buckets, and anything else that might have caught and held rain water. Residents are also being asked to make sure their swimming pools, hot tubs, birdbaths, pet water dishes, and such are kept clean and maintained. By taking these precautions residents can greatly reduce the number of mosquitoes around their property.

Residents can also protect themselves from mosquitoes by avoiding being outside at dusk and dawn, using repellent, wearing long pants and long sleeves, and making sure door and window screens are in good working order. Residents are encouraged to report any suspected mosquito breeding sites and mosquito problems to the District at 530-533-6038, 530-342-7350, or www.BCMVCD.com.

West Nile virus (WNV) is still a concern in the north state. WNV is spread by the bite of a female mosquito. In 2012 Butte County had 10 human cases of WNV. There have been 104 human WNV cases in the county since 2004. With all of the early season warm weather that the north state has experienced already, 2013 mosquito surveillance data already indicates a higher than normal year for mosquito production. While the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) will be doing all it can to protect residents from mosquitoes and WNV, the District is also asking residents to protect themselves.

The District provides many services to Butte County and Hamilton City residents. One service available to residents is the availability of free mosquitofish. Residents can stop by the District's Oroville headquarters, Chico substation and ten other sites (see below) throughout the service area and pick up free mosquitofish for their ponds, horse troughs, unmaintained swimming pools and other possible mosquito breeding sources. Mosquito surveillance and control is another service available. Residents experiencing mosquito problems can request service by calling the District office at 530-533-6038 / 530-342-7350 or by visiting the District's website at www.BCMVCD.com. Once a request is received, the information will be dispatched to a Mosquito and Vector Control Specialist who will be visiting the site to assess the problem and take necessary action. In addition to the above services, the District is available for wasp and yellow jacket nest removal, insect questions and identification,

land owner mosquito reduction best management practices, and pre and post development advisement. The District's public education department is available for educational school programs, presentations for agencies and civic groups, displays at fairs, festivals, and expos, guided facility tours, and distribution of educational information. Please call the District's office for more information.

The Butte County Mosquito Abatement District was formed in June of 1948 to fight the outbreak of malaria in Butte County. In April of 1994 "Vector Control" was added to the District name to reflect the additional disease surveillance and information now provided. The District covers over 1,600 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham and Oroville Mosquito Abatement Districts. The District also serves the Hamilton City area of Glenn County.

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

For more information please call Public Information Officer Doug Weseman or District Manager Matt Ball at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350 to schedule a tour.

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District offers free mosquitofish for pickup at the following locations:

BCMVCD District Office
5117 Larkin Road
Oroville CA.
Phone: 533-6038

BCMVCD Chico Substation
444 Otterson Drive
Chico, CA.
Phone: 342-7350

(Note: Mosquitofish are only available at this location by a scheduled appointment)

C Bar D Feeds
3388 Hwy 32
Chico, CA.
Phone: 342-5361

Mendon's Nursery
5424 Foster Road
Paradise, CA.
Phone: 877-7341

Magnolia Gift & Garden
1367 East Ave.
Chico, CA.
Phone: 894-5410

Rosa's Nursery
585 Main Street
Hamilton City, CA.
Phone: 826-0559

Foothill Mill and Lumber Company
1698 Wagstaff Road
Paradise, CA.
Phone: 877-3395

Skyway Feed and Supply
5990 Foster Road
Paradise, CA.
Phone: 877-1019

The Pine's Yankee Hill
11300 Miller Flat Road
Oroville, CA. (Hwy 70 east of Concow Road)
Phone: 534-1265

Wilbur's Feed
139 Meyers St.
Chico, CA.
Phone: 895-0569

Paradise Pines True Value Hardware
14086 Skyway
Magalia, CA.
Phone: 873-1008

Harshbarger Ace Hardware
1626 State Hwy 99
Gridley, CA.
Phone: 846-3625

Mosquitofish are also available for delivery by District personnel for those who have very large ponds or are unable to drive to one of our pickup locations.