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# FINAL REPORT

## CASE # 2799 San Joaquin County Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control District

### Reason For Investigation

Referring agencies suggested that we visit the San Joaquin County Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control District.

### Background

This special district is funded by a small assessment on each property tax bill. The district operates three facilities and has 30 employees who control insects capable of spreading disease.

## Method of Investigation

The District offices in Stockton and Lodi were toured by committee representatives.

## Findings and Conclusions

Encephalitis, Malaria, Heartworm, Yellow Fever, West Nile Virus, the scourges of a third world backwater?—No, its our own Delta area without effective Mosquito control. With that important mission before them, the San Joaquin county Civil Grand Jury found the Mosquito and Vector Control district to be an efficient and proactive agency. Working from a relatively small budget , the district monitors insect populations, assays them for disease and controls them with environmentally friendly materials.

Vector control employees are well trained and empowered to do their jobs. The management of the agency is well structured and able to direct human

resources to changing conditions which are affected by weather, season and urban expansion. Because of these factors, the 1999-2000 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury is pleased to issue this laudatory report.

## **Recommendations**

None

## **Response Required**

None