

REPORT FROM THE ESCALON REGION

The Escalon Region encompasses the area south of Highway 4, east of Airport Way Southeast to the Stanislaus County border. The cities of Manteca, Escalon, and Ripon are included in this area.

One of the accomplishments in this region during the 1991 - 1992 fiscal year included source reduction in agricultural areas by way of personal contact with landowners and/or lessees of irrigated property.

The district Supervisor would inform the property owner/operator of how water allowed to stand on land longer than 72 hours can provide a mosquito breeding site. This action would be warranted after a Mosquito Control Technician would notify the District Supervisor that a particular irrigated site consistently produced mosquitoes after every irrigation. Many of these field contacts by the supervisor would help to inform the irrigator of the property on the favorable conditions conducive to mosquito production.

There were 161 documented personal contacts with over irrigators, in which many positive results were recognized. Other contacts made by the District Supervisor included working with South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Oakdale Irrigation District, operators of municipalities, and controllers of commercial and industrial waste ponds.

Many of the habitual mosquito breeding sites have been reduced with the cooperative effort from the agricultural community in this area. Public relations has played an important role in mosquito control throughout this county.