

## MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period January 16, through March 12, 2013

- During this period I attended three (3) meetings:
  1. The American Mosquito Control Association Conference (AMCA) held in Seattle, WA. February 2-6, 2014. This was the 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of this association, and included attendees from mosquito control programs, academia, industry, the military, health, and regulatory agencies. During the plenary session, Gordon Patterson PhD, *Professor of History, Florida Institute of Technology*, provided a memorial lecture honoring the Founding Mothers: titled "Women, Entomology, and the Origins of the Mosquito Control Movement". He referenced the importance of pioneering females in a male dominated crusade to discover mosquito-borne viruses from the 1890s thru the 1960s. Other subjects included legislative and regulatory affairs, aerial mosquito control, pesticide resistance management, new product trials, and invasion of exotic species such as *Aedes aegypti* (Yellow-fever mosquito) recently found in central California.
  2. The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference held in San Diego, CA. February 18-21, 2014. The District's Assistant Manager, Entomologist, Assistant Entomologist, Micro-Biologist and Fish Hatchery Manager were also in attendance. I arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> due to my commitment to the Spray Safe meeting held the day prior. A full report will be shared during the board meeting.
  3. As chairperson of the San Joaquin County Spray Safe Committee, I served as moderator for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spray Safe event held on February 18, 2014 at the Robert J Cabral Agricultural Center. Approximately 250 attendees participated in the event. Susan Talamantes Eggman, (California Assemblymember 13<sup>th</sup> District) Agriculture Committee Chair, provided the "Welcoming Address". Presentations included Implementation of Spray Safe, Best Management Practices, Labor Relations, Laws and Regulations, and Pesticide Transportation.
- I received a public records request on February 11, 2014 from David Renison, President of the San Joaquin Tax Payers Association. The request was for information on behalf of the District Trustees. I provided expense records related to health insurance coverage, stipends, and Trustee travel. A copy of the request is included in your packet. The information provided is on file and available for the Board's review.
- Work continues on filling upcoming staff vacancies that were reported to the Board at the January BOT meeting. The positions will become available March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 with the retirement of MCT II Scott Andres, MCT I Fred Mortenson, and MCT I Richard Capuccini. As referenced at our BOT meeting, to ensure a smooth transition of employees through the promotion and transfer exercise, we concluded the promotion and new hire process in advance of the vacancies. The process included written tests, oral interviews, and eventual placement in vacant zones.

For the position of Mosquito Control Technician I, we have hired two individuals and continue the process to hire a third. For the position of MCT II, MCT I Larry Nolin was promoted to replace retiring Scott Andres. The filling of the Office Secretary Position included an initial interview of qualified candidates and plans for a second interview of finalist candidates. These actions are in accord with the District's personnel policy, Policy #2900.
- I contracted with a local asphalt company to complete the last FY improvement project slated for the Stockton yard. The District contracted with Grayson Engineering to complete the extension of the employee parking located on the south west portion of the existing black top area. Over time, fewer employees are ride sharing due to turn over of former employees thus requiring the expansion. This extension will allow for sufficient parking for the entire staff assigned to the Stockton Office. The new area includes five additional parking spaces. This work was budgeted as part of the 2013/14 Capital Expense Account 6411001- Structural & Improvements – Stockton Yard (\$80,000). This improvement was completed for \$30,225.00. This next fiscal year, with Board approval, I'd like to investigate the installation of a carport / solar power structure over this existing employee parking area.