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STOCKTON - Keeping mosquitoes in check is complicated.

Gone are the days when all it took was some DDT and a truck to bring the pesticide to pools of water where the disease-carrying insects breed.

"Mosquito control used to be pretty straightforward," said John Stroh, manager of the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District. Pest control techniques have evolved, and laws and regulations have changed, too, not just in the county but throughout California.

Stroh has been recognized for helping shape how California keeps its mosquito population down. At its last conference, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California selected Stroh to receive its meritorious service award, which the organization has bestowed only five other times in its 60-year history.

The association represents about 60 districts throughout the state, bringing them together to improve practices and to push for legislation. During his 35-year career at the San Joaquin County district, Stroh has been on various statewide committees and been the association's president twice.

"He's a leader," said Jerry Davis, an association past president and manager of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District. "He leads in the group so we can do a better job of controlling mosquitoes for the public."

Stroh's work with the statewide association helped give focus to the collective effort of the dozens of districts, bringing together private industry and government agencies to establish statewide best practices to control mosquito populations.

When followed, the best practices can reduce the threats to public health posed by wetlands, dairy ponds, storm drains or anywhere else mosquitoes can breed, Davis said. "It helps us reduce the risk to people of

getting mosquito-borne illnesses like the west Nile virus." And it does so while reducing the amount of pesticide used, he said.

Stroh can organize varied interests and get results, Davis said. He said Stroh was in charge of the association's research committee last year when it developed a list of priorities for academic research that would help districts do their jobs.

The districts in the state association are as varied as California itself. They are large and small, in the northern and southern reaches of the state, and they represent different mixes of rural and urban areas, Davis said. "We all have our individual ideas."

Bringing them all together in a single list was a first, Davis said. Stroh has been manager of San Joaquin County's district for 20 years. He said he is continuing the district's tradition of staying involved in statewide issues. He noted that staff members are currently on committees dealing with legislation, entomology and public relations. "It's not a one-person thing."

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