



San Joaquin County, CA

November 5, 2002 Election



Measure R

Mosquito Abatement

County of San Joaquin

2/3 Approval Required

67,303 / **59.4%** Yes votes 45,964 / **40.6%** No votes

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Shall the voters approve by a 2/3 vote, a parcel tax to fund the services of vector and vectorborne disease surveillance and control? The San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District proposes an annual special tax as set forth in the District's Ordinance.

The special tax would be based on a per parcel basis for all nonexempt taxable parcels as shown on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's use or value. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to fund the services of vector and vectorborne disease surveillance and control during the first fiscal year after the adoption of this tax, based on the estimated number of nonexempt parcels available at the time of filing of the tax rate statement is \$3.89 per nonexempt parcel.

If two-thirds (2/3) of those voting on this measure vote "YES," the District may levy a special tax up to the amounts set forth in the Ordinance.

Impartial Analysis from the County Counsel

The San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District is charged with the responsibility of protecting the health of residents and visitors of San Joaquin County by controlling mosquitoes and other vectors. The District's revenue comes from ad valorem property taxes which are restricted by Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Article XIII A permits the imposition of a special tax upon a two-thirds vote. The District proposes an annual special tax as set forth in the District's Ordinance.

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The actual tax rates and the years in which they apply may vary each fiscal year based on the amount of revenue projected and the expenditure budget as adopted by the District's Board of Trustees for each fiscal year, but in no case will exceed the voter-approved amount. The special tax, if approved by two-thirds of those voting on the measure, would be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as other charges and taxes collected by the County of San Joaquin on behalf of the District. The special tax will be in addition to the annual tax rate allowed by law.

If two-thirds (2/3) of those voting on this measure vote "YES," the District may levy a special tax up to the amounts set forth in the Ordinance.

Arguments For Measure R

San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District provides comprehensive mosquito and vector control services to all residents and visitors of San Joaquin County. The District was formed in 1945 at the request of homeowners and farmers who were impacted by hordes of disease carrying and pest mosquitoes. Before the creation of the district, families were forced into their homes at dusk, and farm workers refused to enter fields to harvest crops. Outdoor recreational activities were restricted in many areas, prompting business owners and civic leaders to push for a comprehensive mosquito control program. Between 1945 and 1984, over 100 cases of encephalitis were reported in San Joaquin County. Since this time, the District increased the level of vector surveillance and control, and even though certain diseases are detected, there have been no human cases of mosquito-borne disease in over 25 years. The District's comprehensive surveillance program, coupled with environmentally sound control techniques, keeps diseases such as malaria and encephalitis from affecting the public's health and quality of life.

The District is currently confronted with several new challenges, including the emergence of new vectorborne diseases such as mosquito-transmitted West Nile Virus, and the introduction of exotic vectors such as the Asian tiger mosquito. To maintain existing programs and respond to the introduction of new vectors and their diseases, the District is proposing a special tax of \$3.89 per taxable parcel.

As San Joaquin County's population grows, and commerce, real estate and recreational activities expand, a comprehensive vector control program is paramount for the health and comfort of our residents and visitors.

On behalf of your local mosquito and vector control district, we urge you to vote yes on Measure R.

Submitted by:

/s/ Chet Miller, Trustee, City of Tracy /s/ Allan Feters, Trustee, City of Stockton /s/ Frank DeBenedetti, Trustee, San Joaquin County /s/ Dr. Ken Erwin, Trustee, City of Manteca /s/ Gerard Fondse, Trustee, City of Ripon

(No arguments against Measure R were submitted)

Tax Rate Statement from San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District

An election will be held in the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (the "District") on November 5, 2002 to authorize a special tax to provide for vector and vectorborne disease surveillance and control. If the special tax is approved, the District expects to implement the maximum tax rate over time.

The best estimate of the tax, which would be required to be levied to fund the services of vector and vectorborne disease surveillance and control during the first fiscal year after the adoption of the tax, based on estimated number of non-exempt taxable parcels available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$3.83 per non-exempt taxable parcel in fiscal year 2003-04.

The highest tax, which would be required to be levied to fund the services of vector and vectorborne disease surveillance and control after the adoption of the tax, based on estimated number of non-exempt taxable parcels available at the time of filing this statement, is \$3.89 per non-exempt taxable parcel.

Voters should note that the estimated and maximum tax rate is based on a per parcel basis for all non-exempt taxable parcels as shown on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's use or value.

The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply will be based on the amount of revenue projected and the expenditure budget as adopted by the District's Board of Trustees for each fiscal year.

Dated: July 29, 2002

/s/ John R. Stroh

Manager
San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District

/s/ Chester Miller

President, Board of Trustees
San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District

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