

Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Yerington, Nevada

District Manager's Report

For February, 2019

Snow, rain, wind, and more snow! That was February and now into March. It really boosted our snowpack, up around 160%. Now depending on what Mother Nature does with that load WILL directly affect our budget. Early cool weather flood, or a slow long melt, would have no major costs and be very workable. Once the daily ambient temp. reaches 65 degrees, mosquito growth rates shorten and virus can start appearing, that's when costs can go up. In the past we've handled these "high water events" and unless this one comes down differently we should be ok.

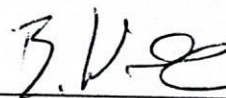
As I mentioned last month, it's time to order chemicals. Two thirds of ours are already here, I only have one more company to order from, and then we're good for a few months. I went ahead and ordered 5 more gallons of Merus 3.0, bringing our stock up to 20 gallons. That is enough to treat 1,280 acres or 2 sq. miles. of organics. We are keeping this on hand in case of a WNV outbreak near Perry's, (I won't be using it otherwise). We do have several alternatives for around the non-organic crops, that are cheaper, and we rotate those on a regular basis. Anyway, nothing new there.

Last week I attended "The Aquatic Pesticide Safety Workshop" put on by the Dept of Ag. It was a one day class, pretty basic stuff, mostly about aquatic herbicides. I did get 6 Continuing Education Units, (CEUs), for attending. My license requires 12 CEUs for renewal, and I'm halfway there. I have till 2021, to get 6 more, (not a problem).

I started the blackfly applications along the river. I've completed 4 so far, and have 12 more to go. I get two a day, on the good weather days and can't treat in bad weather. Wind and water temperatures are what I watch, to try and treat during larval feeding times, (mid-day). With the weather warming up I should be done by the end of next week. My treatments start at Miller Ln. and work up-river to the Smith Valley side of Wilson Canyon, then up the East Walker, to Pitchfork. One every mile to mile and a half, depending on streambed conditions. For the total treatment I have 16 sites.

Really not much else going on, I have both trucks up and ready. I've talked with both seasonal employees and they are ready to return. We're just waiting for the season to start. I may move some mosquitofish around but most of our wet sites already have them. I will check with MVWMA and see where they need some. That's it, Questions/comments?

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The Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District Board held their monthly meeting January 9, 2019.

PRESENT

Jessica Halterman	Bud Stinson
Joan Blake	Alyce Reese
Ed Stockton	Susan Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman, Joan Blake. In accordance with the "Nevada Open meeting law", the meeting is taped. Meeting tapes will be stored in the Mosquito Abatement Office.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

+ **Agenda** Motion by Alyce Reese, second by Ed Stockton to accept February 13, 2019 meeting agenda

+ **Minutes January 9, 2019** . Motion to approve, by Jessica Halterman, with correction in "street" as typed on minute sheet heading, second by Susan Smith.

+ **2019/2020 BUDGET**

Discussion and recommendations on budget. Bud added a \$10K addition to "Flood Reserve" line item. Increase \$70K in "Chemicals" line item. He feels we are okay at this point, except for an unforeseeable event. Josh Foli will be in attendance at our March 13th meeting.

+ **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT ** January 2019**

Robert Burr will be available for our seasonal laborer position again. Bud plans training for Robert and Dan Tracy, Weed District employee; so they can obtain their Nevada State pesticide license.

+ **BILLS - January 2019** = Alyce Reese made a motion to pay designated 2019 bills in The amount of \$17,408,98. Second by Ed Stockton. NOTE: 1,000 lbs. of Altosid P-35 purchased.

WEED DISTRICT:

No activity at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM


Alyce Reese, Secretary