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Notice of Availability (NOA) of a
Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the
Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District's
Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Program
SCH# 2012052055

Date: September 4, 2015

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible, Trustee, and Interested Agencies; and other Interested Parties and Individuals

Draft PEIR: Notice is hereby given that a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) has been prepared by the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (District or CCMVCD) as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft PEIR addresses the potential environmental impacts that would result from implementation of a range of vector control alternatives that are components of the District's Integrated Vector Management Program (Program). After consideration of public comments on the Draft PEIR, the Final PEIR, additional comments on the Final PEIR, and then certification, the District Board of Trustees will decide whether and how to approve and carry out the Proposed Program.

Public Review and Hearing: One public hearing will be held to receive oral comments on the content of the PEIR at the District.

Date: October 14, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District
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The Draft PEIR is available on the District's website: <http://www.contracostamosquito.com>, at the District's office located at: 155 Mason Circle, Concord, CA 94520, and at the following area libraries:

- Antioch Library, 501 W. 18th Street, Antioch, CA 94509, (925) 757-9224
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Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your written comments must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice by the State Clearinghouse or by 3:30 p.m., October 23, 2015. . Please send your response to: Craig Downs, CEQA Project Manager for District, 155 Mason Circle, Concord, CA 94520, (925)685-0266 (fax), cdowns@contracostamosquito.com: CEQA Project Manager. Project files will be maintained at this location and can be reviewed during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Project Location: The Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Program’s (Program) “Project Area” or Program Area consists of the District’s “Service Area” boundaries, which generally includes all lands within Contra Costa County, and adjacent counties where services could be provided upon request.

Project Description: The District undertakes control activities through its Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Program to control the following vectors of disease and/or discomfort in the Program Area: mosquitoes, rats, yellow jacket wasps, skunks, and ticks. A vector is defined as “any animal capable of transmitting the causative agent of human disease or capable of producing human discomfort or injury...” (The California Health and Safety Code, Section 2200(f)). The District also performs vegetation management activities. The Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (Project Sponsor) has prepared a PEIR to evaluate the effects of the continued implementation of the control strategies and methods prescribed in its Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Program (Program). Since the mid 1980's, the District has taken an integrated systems approach to mosquito and other vector control, utilizing a suite of tools that consist of the following alternatives/components in addition to public education: surveillance, physical control, biological control, vegetation management, chemical control, and other nonchemical/trapping controls. These six Program alternatives are described and evaluated in the PEIR. The implementation of the overall Program is weighted heavily towards the education, surveillance, source reduction and biological control components, in part, to reduce the reliance on chemical treatment methods, i.e., pesticides and herbicides. In order to realize effective and environmentally sound vector management, vector control must be based on several factors: carefully monitoring or surveying vector abundance and/or potential contact with people; establishing treatment criteria (thresholds); and appropriately selecting from a wide range of control methods. This dynamic combination of surveillance, treatment criteria, and use of multiple control activities in a coordinated program is generally known as Integrated Pest (or Vector) Management (IPM or IVM). The Program anticipates using all six Program alternatives in its ongoing Program. Should any component/element of any of these alternatives become infeasible for effectiveness, economic, or environmental reasons, the remaining elements of the alternatives would be used. The No Program Alternative represents a “do nothing” alternative going forward, and the District would cease to implement existing activities. It is also evaluated in the PEIR.

Summary of Potentially Significant Impacts:

The Draft PEIR has identified one potentially significant impact and one significant and unavoidable impact. The Chemical Control Alternative could subject people to objectionable odors. Impacts even with BMPs implemented could be potentially significant but mitigable. Air quality impacts can be mitigated to less-than-significant level by measures identified in the Draft PEIR. The use of the mosquito adulticide naled is significant and unavoidable.

Craig Downs

Aug 27, 2015

 Craig Downs
 General Manager

 Date