

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) Public Education Department's primary responsibility is to inform and protect the public about/ from mosquitoes and vector-borne diseases such as West Nile virus, Lyme disease, canine heartworm, malaria, Western Equine encephalomyelitis virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, Babesiosis, and Ehrlichiosis.

The District strives to accomplish this by hosting informational display booths at many community events throughout Butte County, providing K-6 educational programs, service/ community group presentations, open house events, tours, as well as hosting a website (www.BCMVCD.com), public service announcements on local radio stations, newsprint advertising, billboard advertising, and press releases.



Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District

Since 1948

The District covers over 1600 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham and Oroville Mosquito Abatement Districts, which were formed earlier. The District also includes the Hamilton City area of Glenn County. In April of 1994, "Vector Control" was added to the District name to reflect the additional disease surveillance and information now provided.

OUR MISSION

The mission of BCMVCD is primarily to suppress mosquito-transmitted disease and to also reduce the annoyance levels of mosquitoes and diseases associated with ticks, fleas and other vectors through environmentally compatible control practices and public education.



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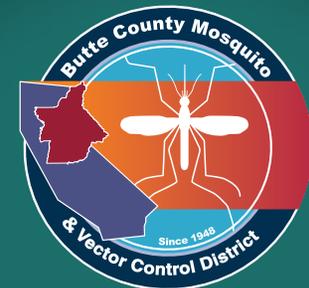
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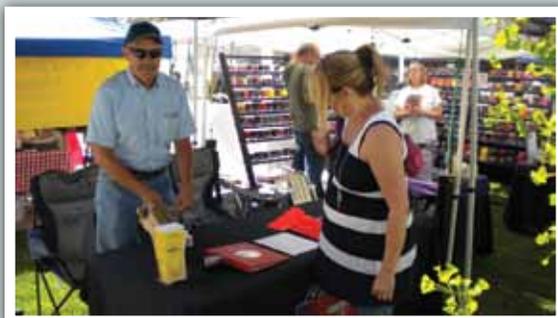
K-6 LESSON PLANS AND FIELD TRIPS

The school program educates and informs K-6 students in Butte County about mosquitoes, ticks, mountain lions and vector-borne diseases. Field trips to the District headquarters in Oroville are also available.



COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

The District's public information officer provides mosquito control and prevention presentations to service and community groups in Butte County. The District also provides informational brochures on topics ranging from mosquitoes, ticks, yellowjackets, to canine heartworm.



EVENTS

The District strives to host an informational display booth at all of the major fairs and events in Butte County. The District display booth can be found at the Butte County Fair, Silver Dollar Fair, Berry Creek Berry Festival, Feather Fiesta Days, Gold Nugget Days, Red Suspenders Days, Salmon Festival, Senior Expo, as well as other events.



OPEN HOUSE

The District participates in the Mosquito and Vector Control Association's "West Nile Virus & Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" as well as the American Mosquito Control Associations "Mosquito Control Awareness Week". The District hosts an open house and guided tours of the facilities during these events.



WEBSITE AND EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The District website is a wealth of information about mosquitoes, vectors, mosquito and vector-borne disease, District news, and events. Visitors to the website can sign up for email notification of fogging operations, make a service request, and report a dead bird.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC EDUCATION PRESENTATION

If you would like to have a presentation at your school or service/community group location please contact us at (530) 533-6038 or (530) 342-7350.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND SOURCE REDUCTION MANUAL

The Public Education Department is also responsible for the creation of a best management practices manual. This manual provides general guidance to landowners/managers on how to alter land management practices to reduce and minimize possible mosquito breeding sources.

The District is continually striving to minimize mosquito populations through education, lessening its dependency for the need and use of pesticides.