San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Protecting Public Health Since 1916



Brief History

1904 – Burlingame wrote to University of California entomologist asking for help to control mosquitos

"During the summer of 1904 the mosquitoes in the Burlingame district were almost intolerable...mosquitoes would gather so abundantly on one's clothes that sometimes the color of the suit was almost obscured beneath the general effect of the light brown produced by the marsh mosquito." "During the summer of 1904 we captured in five minutes...a pint cup full of mosquitoes!"

"[People] come here in order that they may live out of doors, and with hordes of hungry mosquitoes waiting to devour them...the desirability of inaugurating a warfare against the pests can at once be appreciated."

"Coyote Point...has long been known by the residents in the neighborhood as a famous place for mosquitoes; indeed, the construction of a hotel...is said to have been abandoned because of the abundance of mosquitoes..."

1912 - "...mosquitoes were so thick that life was unbearable. The Peninsula Hotel, a famous resort located in San Mateo, had to be closed up in the middle of the season...Everybody who was not held in some way or another left town."



Who We Are

Independent special district funded by property taxes and special assessments

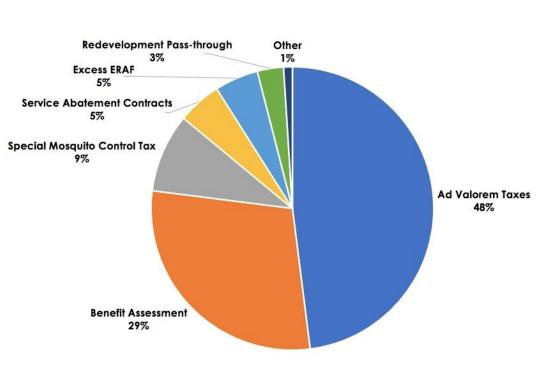
Services provided at no charge to residents of San Mateo County

Mission: "To safeguard the health and comfort of the citizens of San Mateo County through a planned program to monitor and reduce mosquitoes and other vectors."





Distribution of Revenues by Funding Source







Our Work (Integrated Pest Management)



Mosquito control



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Insect and tick ID



Rodent inspections



Yellow jacket control



Disease surveillance

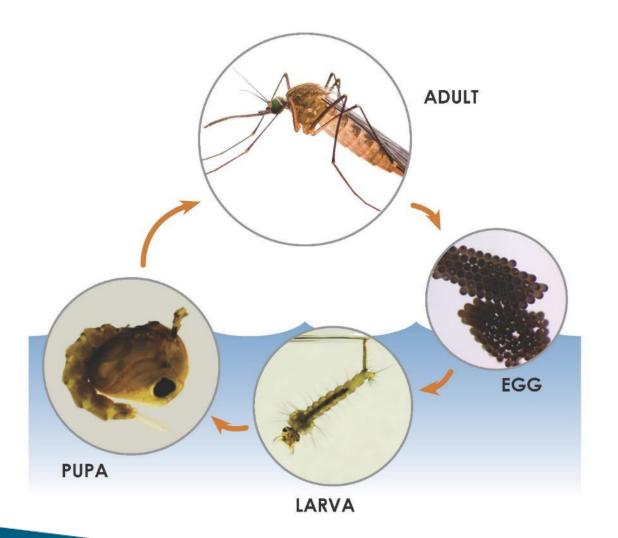


Community education





About Mosquitoes





Mosquito Sources















Mosquito Surveillance

Over 25,000 source inspections each year











Mosquito Control













Mosquito Control

Over 300,000 storm drain treatments in 2020

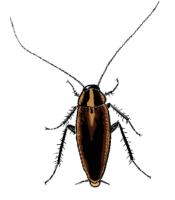




Insect and Tick Identification













Rodent Inspections and Control











Yellowjacket Control







Disease Surveillance - Ticks





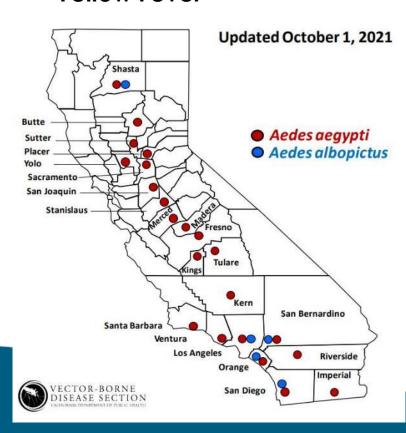




Disease Surveillance – Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes

Transmission risk of:

Zika virus Dengue Chikungunya Yellow Fever



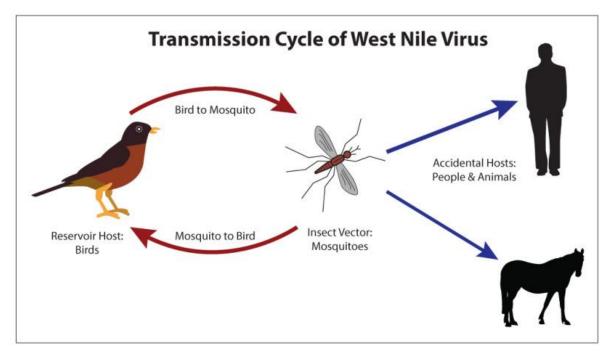








Disease Surveillance – West Nile Virus







https://westnile.ca.gov/report.php





Community Education









BL@CK THE BITE

Protect yourself and your family by using an effective, EPA-registered mosquito repellent

DEET

Picaridin

Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus

IR3535



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Service Requests

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