

Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Yerington, Nevada

District Manager's Report

For January, 2019

January was budget time and as we just discussed, ours is nearly done. I also completed the chemical inventory and a 2019 "NEEDS" list. I've done my pricing research and am currently placing chemical orders.

We've had some changes in who supplies what, new formulations, prices and companies merging. So I've adjusted our Altosid purchases to try and give each supplier a share. All Altosid prices are the same since they are under manufacturer control. And it's one of our "big ticket" purchases so I broke it up.

There is a new formulation of Altosid extended release sand, P-35. We will be slowly phasing out our XRG use and replacing it with P-35. More costly, XRG comes in at \$61.25/ac., P-35 is \$86.25/ac. BUT the savings comes in treatment, XRG last 21 days, and P-35 last 35 days. When it comes to crawling through brush, the fewer times the better!

Our big spring order will be around \$70,000 and should do us for a 100% water year. BUT if it keeps snowing and we don't flood early on, I may use more. A late flood or extended decree will increase our needs, which we are also prepared for. It's still too early to tell, (updates Jessica?).

I've recently talked with Robert Burr, (our seasonal employee), and he's excited about coming back to work for us, this season. This will be his third year and he's done a great job. I will be starting him around the end of March or beginning of April, after blackfly applications.

Aerial applications will be done by Frey Spray, again this year, with no rate changes, (we currently pay \$650/hr. from Fallon-back to Fallon). We haven't settled on what day but we will be scheduled one day a week, so all is good.

That's it, Questions/comments?

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jessica Halterman Bud Stinson	
Joan Blake Alyce Reese	Susan Smith
Ed Stockton	

Meeting called to order at 7:15 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 January 9, 2019 **meeting agenda**

+ **Minutes of September 12, 2018** . Motion to approve, by Jessica Halterman, second by Ed Stockton.

+ **DISTRICT MANAGER'S Performance Evaluation:** Compliments to Bud on a great job for mosquito control this season All aspects of performance appraisal were accomplished. Recommend Bud be involved in continuous training to enhance his position. A 2.5% wage increase was given; retroactive to December 1, 2018 his anniversary date.

+ **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT **** End of 2018 Season**

NO WNV positive results in our valley mosquito trapping program. Only district in our area. Feels our results were due to good surveillance, persistent larvicide program along with public Communications.

2018 Year end totals: 198 sites treated equal 10,801 acres; planted 4,400 mosquito fish into 18 sites. A "light" year in mosquito treatment.

Item of interest affecting mosquito trap use. Currently there is no local store to purchase "dry ice". Bud has been sharing dry ice purchase with several local areas. It may be necessary to purchase a freezer for storage of dry ice for our own use.

Bud will attend annual update of Western States, eg. California and Nevada for license holders; February 5th at a cost of \$40.00.

+ **BILLS - October – December 2018** = Alyce Reese made a motion to pay designated 2018 bills in the amount of \$260.89, second by Ed Stockton.

WEED DISTRICT:

No activity at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM


Alyce Reese, Secretary