

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Colusa Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) provides comprehensive mosquito control services and public health protection services to the Colusa residential areas as well as the rice and other agricultural areas within its boundaries. The District consists of 140 square miles in eastern Colusa County, including the City of Colusa.

A YES VOTE WILL:

- Maintain current levels of control and monitoring of mosquitoes.
- Maintain surveillance, testing and protection against West Nile Virus, Yellow Fever and other mosquito-borne diseases.
- Continued response to service requests.
- Continued protection of public health.

A NO VOTE WILL RESULT IN:

- Reduced services to control mosquitoes and prevent diseases.
- Possible increase in mosquito populations and threat of disease.
- Decreased quality of life and economic activity.

Economic conditions over the past ten years have resulted in severe financial hardship for the District, including decreases in local property tax revenue due to declining property values, state-required transfer of a portion of the District's property tax share, increased pesticide and labor costs and increased operating costs due to legislation and regulation compliance.

CMAD has a very strong record of conservative financial management. Historically, the District has operated without overhead and administration costs. In addition, all employees including the District Manager, work in the field to control mosquitoes and provide disease monitoring and surveillance.

For almost 20 years, since 1995, the District has not had a tax increase even as costs have increased significantly! However, in the last few years, the District was forced to cut workers reducing staff to the bare minimum necessary to maintain current service levels. Without additional funding, the District will have to make additional reductions to mosquito control services.

Eastern Colusa County is a beautiful area, but unfortunately a natural habitat for mosquitos. Please vote YES to keep the Colusa Mosquito Abatement District area safe.