

Napa County Mosquito Abatement District

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Hello Mr. Kirmse,

Thank you for speaking with me Tuesday afternoon. First, let me express our heartfelt sorrow for the challenges the members of your POA are dealing with concerning the devastating effects of the recent fire in your community.

Second, per our conversation I am reaching out to you to advise you and your membership of who we are and the work that we will be doing in your area during the rebuilding and recovery process for your community. The focus of the Napa County Mosquito Abatement District is to reduce the health impacts mosquitoes and yellowjackets. ***It is important to note that there is no fee or charge for the services that we provide.*** To that end, I am providing information that will help the members of your POA to identify our staff and know what services we will be providing to your community.

Napa County Mosquito Abatement District staff will be wearing bright orange safety vests with the words "Napa County Mosquito" on them and photo identification badges. The District's trucks are white with large Napa County Mosquito Abatement District logo on the doors and a safety light bar above the cabs. Photographs of the District's staff are also on our website www.napamosquito.org.

Our intention while performing our work is to be sensitive to and respectful of the concerns and wishes of the members of your POA. At the same time, it will be important to manage mosquito breeding, especially in the burned areas, where swimming pools, spas, ornamental water features (ponds, birdbaths, etc.), sumps, drains, etc. may still exist. During warmer parts of the year ground nesting yellowjackets may also be encountered, especially in the reconstruction areas.

The materials typically used to manage immature mosquitoes are the bacterial larvicides *Bacillus sphaericus* (Bs) and *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) and the insect growth hormone methoprene. These materials are target specific, affecting only immature mosquitoes and a few species of midges. They are not toxic to pets, wildlife, other insects. When possible, District staff will use mosquitofish for natural control of mosquitoes in ornamental ponds and unmaintained swimming pools. All of these materials require that we find the sites holding water which also serve as breeding habitat for mosquitoes. Use of these materials prevents adult emergence and therefore the use adulticides. Control of yellowjackets occurs with pyrethrin dust that is physically placed into the nest opening with a bulb duster.

Attached are photographs of our vehicles and the District logo to help with identification.

I would greatly appreciate your disseminating this information to the members of your POA to help minimize potential mosquito and yellowjacket problems. We also want to reduce the potential for any undue alarm from POA members concerning our presence and the work that we will be performing.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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