



Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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The Honorable Michael R Deems
c/o Court Administration
Superior Court of California, County of Butte
One Court Street
Oroville, CA 95965

Re: Response to Findings and Recommendations of the 2019/2020 Butte County Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Deems,

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) commends the Butte County Grand Jury for their efforts in reviewing the District and its operations. We recognize the 2019/2020 Grand Jury conducted the review in a professional and conscientious manner. The Grand Jury's report is thorough and we appreciate their attention to detail.

The District agrees with all of the 2019/2020 Butte County Grand Jury findings (F10-F15). The District's responses to the recommendations follow.

Recommendation #1 R3:

BCMVCD should create a new position dedicated to finding new funding by January 1, 2021.

Per our discussions, in person meetings, and correspondence via emails the 2019/2020 Grand Jury report highlighted the District's need for increased funding. The report also illustrates how District staff are flexible, adaptable, and need to wear many hats, regardless of job title. The District does not disagree that personnel dedicated to acquiring more funds would be beneficial. District staff are limited based on the District's financial position. Personnel costs are the major draw on District funds, and we have had to reduce the number of personnel in recent years to balance our budget.

The District hopes to replace an administrative position, eliminated a few years ago, sometime between September and November of this year. One of the duties of that employee's job description would be to search, locate, and identify funding opportunities. In addition to the new hire, the District's District Manager, Assistant Manager, and Office Manager will continue to devote more time identifying possible sources for increased funding.

Recommendation #2 R4:

BCMVCD should increase the funding for public information and outreach by January 1, 2021.

The District agrees that the current funding for public information and outreach should be increased. Public education, information, and outreach are effective tools in reducing mosquito and vector-borne disease, and are part of the District's Integrated Vector Management Program. The District is happy to report that the funding for the proposed upcoming fiscal year has been increased from \$50,000 to \$60,000. This increase will take effect on July 8, 2020.

Respectfully,



Matthew C. Ball
District Manager