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Mr. Mark G. Yudof, President
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Re: University of California Mosquito Research Program

Dear Mr. Yudof:

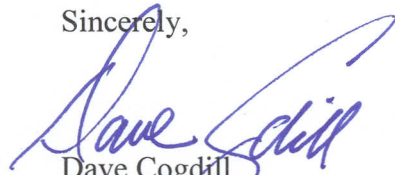
On behalf of the San Joaquin and Turlock Mosquito and Vector Control Districts, I am writing to inquire why funding for the University of California Mosquito Research Program (UCMRP) has been discontinued. This has caused concern in light of the potential threats from West Nile Virus and other mosquito borne illnesses.

For local mosquito and vector control districts, the mosquito research program has been an extremely important research tool. The program enables districts to better respond to and manage mosquito and other vector-borne disease issues. Without this research, an integrated mosquito management program will be difficult to implement.

Established by the Legislature in 1970, it is my understanding that the program has been funded at approximately \$500,000 for the past 30 years. Although I understand these difficult times require difficult decisions, it seems appropriate that the Legislature understand why the funds for this program were eliminated.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,


Dave Cogdill
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