

DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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Dr. Lothrop restarted a District in turmoil by focusing on the public health protection challenges of vector-borne disease in the Coachella Valley. She developed a surety for the public that was needed on the local level as well as reflecting a positive light for those in the field of vector control. Her steadfast leadership benefited all members, silencing a distrusting minority and thrusting Coachella Valley MVCD into a leadership position among similar agencies. The Delta Vector Control District developed a tremendous working rapport with Coachella Valley because of the openness to help anyone which Dr. Lothrop possessed, a relationship that strongly remains in place to this day.

Thank you for your consideration,



Michael W. Alburn
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It is for these reasons that I nominate Branka for MVCAC Honorary Membership. Branka has shown the commitment to our Association that is worthy of such an honor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew C. Ball".

Matthew C. Ball
District Manager



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Thank you for your consideration,

Peter Bonkrude, MS
District Manager

Our Mission: "To protect the public's health from vector-borne disease and nuisance, through a comprehensive mosquito and vector control program focused on innovation, experience and efficiency".



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Dr. Lothrop persevered through some tough times at the District, stayed true to her beliefs, and maintained her high ethical standards. As General Manager, she successfully facilitated both the Board and staff to make the District fiscally and ethically sound while establishing and polishing a team of vector control professionals and administrators dedicated to reaching the District's mission. As a leader for the District and MVCAC, Dr. Lothrop mentored and inspired many people to achieve great things in their career as vector control professionals.

Dr. Lothrop has an outstanding reputation of honesty, integrity, compassion, dedication and being data driven. She deserves recognition as an Honorary Member for her contributions to the MVCAC and field of vector surveillance and control in California, and also for her outstanding character and leadership.

Thank you for your consideration,


Jeremy Wittie, MS
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Sincerely,

Joel Buettner

District General Manager

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Nomination for Branka B. Lothrop, Ph.D. for MVCAC Honorary Membership

Branka B. Lothrop, Ph.D., former District Manager for the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, retired on January 31, 2016 after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the residents of the Coachella Valley. Branka consistently demonstrated a commitment to high standards, professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication to the District and to the residents of California. Before joining the District, Branka had a distinguished career working in the laboratories at University of California at Davis and at University of California at Riverside.

Branka embarked on her career with Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District in 1995 as a Vector Control Specialist and was promoted after seven months to Field Supervisor. During this time, Branka led the District in establishing standards for vector control applications and verifying that applications met these high standards. In 2000, Branka was promoted to Vector Ecologist. In collaboration with UC Davis researchers, Branka instituted the District's adult mosquito surveillance program which is still used today to provide valuable vector and arbovirus surveillance information to guide District operations. Branka was promoted to Scientific Operations Manager in 2005. In this role, she continued to lead her staff and work with external researchers to examine the efficacy of conducting adulticide applications to break transmission cycles for West Nile virus in the eastern Coachella Valley. Her work is the basis for the current thresholds for conducting adulticide treatments today. During this time, Branka was twice selected as Management Employee of the Year – in 1999 and again in 2008.

In 2009, Branka was promoted to General Manager of the District. In this role, she continued to lead the District staff to promote excellence in science and control of vectors and vector-borne diseases. She ensured that the Laboratory Facility was expanded to allow for on-site testing of mosquito samples, leading to a reduction in the risk of residents of the Coachella Valley contracting West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis virus. She oversaw changes to the Operations Department which included using Geographic Information Systems, allowing for more accurate reporting of chemical use and tracking of perpetual mosquito sources. Branka ensured that the District maintained compliance with appropriate laws and regulations, leading to the District's recognition for the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's IPM Innovator of the Year Award in 2014. She also worked with the Finance Department to ensure compliance with standard financial practices, leading to the District's being awarded the GFOA award for seven straight years (2010 to 2016).

Besides her work at the District, Branka was active within MVCAC and other scientific societies. She most recently served as the Southern Regional Representative to MVCAC in 2013 and played an active role on MVCAC committees. Branka mentored staff members at Coachella Valley and at other districts to ensure that science is the foundation of all that we do to provide excellent control of vectors and vector-borne diseases.