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MEMORANDUM

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To: MVCAC Member Agencies
Fr: Joel Buettner
Re: Data Collection on mosquito control expenditures on state lands

At our recent MVCAC Board meeting in Monterrey, we discussed next steps for implementation of AB 896 (Eggman). As you will recall, AB 896 requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to consult with local vector control districts on best management practices (BMPs) for state wildlife management areas. We will soon be meeting with the Department to discuss next steps but need your help to compile critical data beforehand.

One of the ongoing challenges we have had with the Department is convincing them that it is their financial interest to implement BMPs. They believe that BMPs do not reduce the level of mosquito eradication activities that DFW must reimburse districts. We also discovered part of the reason the DFW is not convinced there would be cost savings is that our districts do not uniformly bill DFW for the costs incurred to control mosquitos in state wildlife management areas. Therefore, we currently do not have data that demonstrates the actual costs on a district by district basis except in those districts that go through the abatement process and bill DFW.

As the challenges of mosquito control worsen and grow more expensive due to WNV and invasive species, it is likely districts will be spending more money, not less, to control mosquitos in state owned wildlife management areas. BMPs are a critical tool that could lessen these costs.

We are asking all districts to provide us data about the actual costs incurred to control mosquito populations in state owned wildlife management areas, whether or not your district bills DFW for these costs. The location of state owned wildlife management areas can be viewed at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website.

Attached for your use is a template compiled by the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District. As you will see they calculated costs of material, labor etc. and were able to calculate a total on an annual basis. We are requesting each district similarly compile this information and provide it to me before March 1, 2015 so we can convince the DFW that while they have been getting a free ride from most districts, the free ride won't last forever. By sharing this information we believe the DFW will become more proactive implementing BMPs for mosquito control because if they do not they will be paying a step price as our control activities increase.