

NAPA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT 1965

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

The committee met with Mr. Wm Rusconi, Manager of the Mosquito Abatement District, at their office and plant, 964 Imola Avenue, November 19, 1964.

The District was formed in 1926 [sic, should be 1925] and its finances are budgeted by the County Board of Supervisors at a three cent per hundred tax rate. The District is maintained very well under the supervision of Mr. Rusconi and the five member Board of Directors, who represent varying areas of the County.

They operate with four full-time employees. It is the job of each employee to file a daily report or job tag indicating the location controlled and type of insecticide used. This is done for the protection of everyone concerned. Most of the insecticides or chemicals do not have any long lasting effect. The Pure Food and Drug laws make it difficult to use spray with a stronger potency. The effective time limit of chemicals averages 24 hours.

The District sells a soil sterilent applied by District employees to pond owners. This sterilent is applied around the ponds in the winter, thus keeping the grass growth in check and keeping the mosquito breeding at a minimum.

An audit report of this District by Mr. Seiberlich, was submitted by Mr. Rusconi for this committee's inspection. The audit report shows the District to be in sound financial condition and operating well within its budget.

This committee finds the Mosquito Abatement District functioning very satisfactorily and has no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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