

## NAPA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT 1966

### MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

The committee met with William Rusconi, Manager of the Mosquito Abatement District, at their office and plant, 964 Imola Avenue on August 18, 1965.

This District was formed in 1925 and comprises the entire county or 790 square miles. The Board of Trustees of five members is composed of one member from each city in the county and two members appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The finances of the District are budgeted at the current rate of 3 cents per hundred and the trustees and manager are efficiently operating the District at that rate at the present time. By law the maximum rate can go as high as 15 cents per hundred.

The plant is of sufficient size to provide ample storage of materials, garage, and office. It is on Napa Sanitation District land under a 50-year lease of which there are 40 years to go.

The employees, numbering four, file a full report on all jobs done, stating location controlled and materials used. Due to the type of materials used, great care must be exercised in their use.

The salaries of the employees seem to be low by state average and there should be a study made to try to rectify this.

The District Manager and employees are often out on jobs and leave the office vacant. All telephone calls are taken by the Agriculture Commissioner's Office and messages are picked up by the District personnel at different times during the day. The Agriculture Commissioner's Office is paid \$30.00 per month for this service.

A better method might be to make an arrangement with the Sanitation District whose offices are adjacent to the Mosquito Abatement District and, therefore, it would be more convenient to pick up messages, which are called in.

A review of the accountant's report prepared by G. and J. Seiberlich and Company was made. The report shows that the District is in sound financial condition and operating within its budget.

The 1964 Grand Jury Report states that the District sells a soil sterilent to pond owners. This leads to a mistaken impression that the Mosquito Abatement District handles money from these sales. Actually, the District only recommends the type of sterilent best suited for the specific purpose. The buyer then buys the material at the dealer of his choice. The Mosquito Abatement District employees will then apply the sterilent if asked to do so by the pond owner. The application of the sterilent is at no cost to the pond owner.

This committee finds the Mosquito Abatement District to be functioning in an efficient manner and other than the above mentioned observations, has no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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