

## NAPA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT 1969

### NAPA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

The committee met with District Manager, William Rusconi, who informed us that the District has been in continuous operation since 1925, the year it was formed under Code Sections 2200-2398 of the State of California. The day of our visit they were just finished painting the exterior of the main building. Our physical tour and inspection of the facilities indicated that the employees take great pride in maintaining a neat and clean work area. Their equipment appears to be in good condition and up-to-date.

The annual audit was made by G. and J. Seiberlick and Company, Certified Public Accountants, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and in accordance with requirements for special district audits as set forth by the Controller of the State of California under Code Section 26909, and accordingly included such test of accounting records and such other auditing procedures. The District maintained financial records on the cash basis for revenues and expenditures. A formal fund record was maintained by the Napa County Auditor. Cancelled warrants and duplicate invoices were examined and traced to authorized expenditures in the office of the Napa County Auditor. No differences were found in the District records traced to Napa County Auditor records.

The District's cash fund balance was \$20,836.61 as of June 30, 1968. Expenditures were kept within the budget allowances as prepared by the District Trustees. The revenues of the District do not become available until the end of the first six (6) months of operation. The District, for this reason, desires to build up a cash balance at the fiscal year, to tide them over the six (6) months until revenues come in.

Mr. Rusconi informed us that the problem with the insect "Lake County Gnat" is under control in Napa County. With the use of low-cost airplane spraying, he foresees no problems in spraying any additional acres where the Gnat might be found in the County.

The Mosquito Abatement District also serves four hundred (400) acres of the sewage ponds for the Napa Sanitation District. The Napa Sanitation District rebates all labor and material costs. The staff and Mr. Rusconi are well informed and current on the different insecticide materials marketed today and are keeping abreast as a means to serve the District better.

It was noted that insecticide materials, large barrels and gallon cans are stored in the open in the main building. These insecticides are exposed and within reach of anyone who might enter the building. These insecticides can be dangerous to persons not knowing their content or toxicity. We suggest a suitable building be constructed to store all toxic insecticide materials.

The Board of Trustees for the District consist of the following members and when there were appointed and by whom:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed by</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andrew Kiser	Board of Supervisors	12-1-52
George P. Abate	City of Napa	1-1-57
Harry E. Conrey	City of St. Helena	7-7-60

Peter J. Bardessono                      City of Yountville                      12-1-65

Angelo Molinari                      City of Calistoga                      9-7-66

The above members receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) per meeting.

The Committee feels that the Board of Supervisors and Cities mentioned, name some new members to the Board of Trustees and set a term of office, rather than being on indefinite terms. Thus new ideas can be introduced and thereby have more involvement of new personnel in our special districts in the County.

The Committee feels the following recommendations are in order:

1. That a suitable building be constructed to store all toxic insecticide materials under safe conditions.
2. That the Board of Trustees be appointed to a set term of office in lieu of an indefinite term.

Respectfully submitted,

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