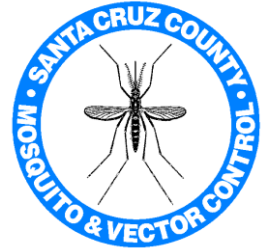


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NOTICE TO POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AGENCIES

City of Capitola
City of Santa Cruz
City of Watsonville
City of Scotts Valley
CalTrans
Resource Conservation District
Pajaro Valley Water Management

California Department of Parks and Rec.
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Santa Cruz County Parks Department
Scotts Valley Water District
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Lompico Water District
Soquel Water District

County of Santa Cruz (Agricultural Commissioner Department – Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control division) Notice of Intent to continue to apply mosquitocides for public health purposes to Surface Waters and Waters of the U.S. within Santa Cruz County as part of the Integrated Vector Management program.

To Whom It May Concern:

Santa Cruz County Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control (MAVC) intends to make public health pesticide applications to, over and adjacent to constructed conveyances, surface waters and other waters of the U.S. owned and controlled by an entity other than MAVC for vector control purposes per the requirements of the General NPDES Permit for Biological and Residual Pesticide Discharges for Vector Control Applications.

The NPDES Permit requirements for listing of the Public Health Pesticides anticipated to be used were modified from the previous permit, to the new permit which will be issued in 2016. The newer requirements specify that any pesticide product can be used that contains approved active ingredients, provided all pesticide label restrictions and instructions are followed. In addition, pesticides which fall under the “minimum risk” category can be used. The minimum risk pesticides have been exempted from FIFRA requirements. The following tables list the active ingredients approved for the FIFRA regulated pesticides.

Active Ingredients for larval mosquito control:

<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> (<i>Bti</i>)
<i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> (<i>Bs</i>)
Methoprene
Monomolecular Films
Petroleum Distillates
Spinosad
Temephos

Active Ingredients for adult mosquito control:

Deltamethrin
Etofenprox
Lambda-Cyhalothrin
Malathion
Naled
N-octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide (MGK-264)
Piperonyl butoxide (PBO)
Permethrin
Prallethrin
Pyrethrin
Resmethrin
Sumithrin

The general time period for the application of the pesticides is January through December, 2016. Locations of expected use will be constructed conveyances, surface waters and other waters of the U.S. located within Santa Cruz County. MAVC typically uses larvicide applications for the purpose of reducing mosquitoes in an effort to reduce threat of mosquito-borne diseases and biting nuisance. When surveillance indicators exceed threshold levels larvicide applications may be made in strict compliance with pesticide label requirements. These larvicides are described as bacterial products, insect growth regulators and larvicidal oils. In addition to the larvicides, the County's mosquito-borne disease response plan allows for the potential use of adulticides if necessary in an emergency public health situation.

Mosquito breeding sources treated with mosquitocides used by MAVC require no water use restrictions or additional restrictions or precautions to be taken by your employees or the public.

Interested persons may contact MAVC at (831)454-2590 for additional information.