

NAPA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT 1970

NAPA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

The Mosquito Abatement District was started in 1925 and has been in continuous operation since that time. On our inspection tour of the facility we noted that the maintenance of grounds, buildings, and equipment appeared to be in excellent condition. The annual audit, which was made by G. and J. Seiberlick and Company, Certified Public Accountants, was checked and accepted by this committee. The District maintained financial records on the cash basis for revenues and expenditures. As of June 30, 1969, the District's cash fund balance was \$34,782.19 as compared to \$20,836.61 as of June 30, 1968. Expenditures were kept within the budget.

The previous committee recommended that a separate building be constructed to store all toxic materials which are now stored in the open in the main building. These are insecticides. The Mosquito Abatement office and operations buildings are located at 964 Imola Avenue West, on the property of the Napa Sanitation District. This facility is under a 50-year lease from the Napa Sanitation District. This lease commenced in 1954. Under the terms of the lease, the Napa Sanitation District can terminate the lease at any time by making restitution to the Mosquito Abatement District for expenditures made by them for buildings. Since it is possible that the lease could be terminated at any time, our committee suggests that it would be better to section off, by means of a fence or partition, a portion of the existing building where the toxic insecticides could be kept separately in a locked area. This would cost a minimal amount of money as compared to the construction of a new and separate building.

The Mosquito Abatement District is under the management of Mr. William Rusconi and the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. The Napa County Board of Supervisors, the City of Napa, the City of St. Helena, the City of Calistoga and the City of Yountville each appoint a member to the Board of Trustees. This appointment is for a term of two years. There are six employees in the District. They are William Rusconi, Manager, four operators and one secretary-bookkeeper.

Our committee would like to thank Mr. Rusconi and his staff for their fine cooperation with us on our tour. We were very impressed with how efficiently the Mosquito Abatement District operates.

Respectfully submitted,

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