

Vector and Nuisance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
SE Health Center, March 18th, 1-3 PM

01/15/07 MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made to approve 01/15/08 minutes.

SECOND: The motion was seconded.

MOTION PASSED The 01/15/08 minutes were approved.

Introductions:

- Chris Wirth introduced Mark Adams to Committee Members. Mark explained his role working on budgets, financial data and spreadsheets and that he would be available to assist as needed.

Old Business Updates:

- Recruitment of new committee members. Chris Wirth reported that our Committee Membership is down. He has researched that placing ads in local new papers such as The Skanner Newspaper and other local newspapers could be an effective tool to reach interested parties. The cost of placing ads would amount to approximately \$3,000 and will reach a diverse audience. Additionally, Chris advised that the City of Portland has a venue "City of Portland Online" that allows community postings and we will be placing a notice for membership there. A member advised that it was a WNV media release which gained his interest in becoming a Committee Member and could potentially promote the same type of response in the future.
- US Fish and Wildlife letter. Chris Wirth shared a letter he sent to USF&W commenting on the Draft Mosquito-Borne Disease Management Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997. Chris distributed a border species map of Multnomah County. This map illustrated surrounding counties to Multnomah County with or without vector services and the various mosquito species of public health concern that have been identified in those county border areas.
- Vector Control Abatement Ordinance Revisions. Chris reported that the Ordinance is now in effect and MCVNC can enforce abatement actions on vectors county-wide.

New Business:

- Clackamas County Vector Control (CCVC) presentation on mosquito and fly control services. Betsy Knight and George Cashdollar presented on CCVC's abatement efforts on fly and mosquito control within their county. District objectives include mapping and surveying breeding locations while collecting and identifying vector species, WNV testing on dead corvids, using control measures, providing public education and outreach, and collaborating with other agencies. George relayed that their agency communicates with approximately 3,000 people (veterinary clinics, hospitals, etc.) sending reports regarding WNV as one Member was particularly concerned about WNV and equine. CCVC's annual budget is approximately \$1,000,000.

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- Columbia Drainage Vector Control District (CDVCD). Mel Franklin presented on CDVCD's mosquito control efforts and how routinely one of the primary focuses in Spring controlling floodwater mosquitoes found along the the Columbia River and migrations of mosquitoes from Clark County. An example of the mosquitoes in question is *Ae vexans* which can travel up to 25 miles as an adult. The goal of this focus is to minimize the migration into the surrounding boundaries which include Columbia and Multnomah County. Mel detailed how the St. Helen's area is the largest area in which they provide mosquito control in flood water habitat. Current control and abatement measure include surveillance, WNV testing on dead corvids, treating storm drains, adulticiding and fogging. Also provide educational outreach in schools as manpower allows. Mel reported that storm retention ponds in new housing developments are more common and at this time there is statewide control or management plan. CDCs annual budget is approximately \$630,000.
- The City of Portland (CoP), Office of Sustainable Development. Babe O'Sullivan presented on CoP's current waste and recycling methods and new waste and recycling plans for Portland. Babe provided an overview on the proposed residential changes which include moving to green lidded roll carts for debris, blue roll carts for recycling (excluding glass); glass would remain in the yellow recycling bin. Adding new materials such as plastic tubs (e.g. yogurt containers) and eventually collecting food waste at the curb along with yard debris. Babe reported that both King County in Washington State and Alameda County in California have reported no rodent related complaints after they implemented the same type of recycling program that Portland will soon offer. Babe discussed the quality control process which will provide pathogen reduction, this involves composting, maintaining temperature control and oxygen levels. MCVNC and the Committee asked the CoP assure concerns on how to keep yard waste containers clean during the winter months and working with other compost outreach venues to assure process is the same.
- Washington County Environmental Health Services (WCEHS). Cynthia Valdivia presented on WCEHS services and their goals to aid in mosquito control abatement. Methods include surveillance (collecting dead birds and mosquitoes for WNV testing, identifying mosquito-breeding areas, education and outreach, and cooperative efforts with local government on prevention and control methods). Continued efforts include contact with most at risk populations and getting educational materials to them. One goal of Cynthia's agency in the FY 08/09 budget will be to provide outreach to the migrant population. Their agency was established in 2003.

Next Meeting:

May 20th, 2008, 1-3pm at the Southeast Health Center

Suggested Agenda Topics:

1. Follow-up On Chris Wirth's USF&W letter – outcome.
2. How to improve collaboration with neighboring counties mosquito control: Interjurisdictional committee to address collaborations; suggestion to take Washington State issues to legislature in Olympia; suggestion to address state parks.