



East Side Mosquito Abatement District

April 2024 Newsletter

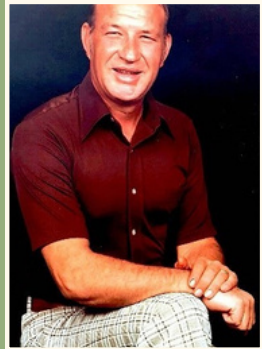
Community News

Ronald Greenwood

The district thanks its long serving Board of Trustee Ronald (Ron) Greenwood on his retirement for his service to the City of Modesto, the district and Stanislaus County at large. Ron was appointed to the Board on January 2, 1984 by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, and went on to serve the district for 40 years. Ron’s volunteer service to the community exemplifies the dedication shown by our residents to community and the value of work the district provides to our residents. The district’s trustees and staff congratulate Ron on his retirement and thank him and his wife Jackie for the service provided to East Side Mosquito Abatement District. Thank you.

Claude Lee Watson

The district is mourning the passing of Claude Lee Watson, a retired longtime District Manager of East Side Mosquito Abatement District. Claude passed away on February 28, 2024 at 88 years of age at his home in Hickman, California.



He was first hired at the district in 1955 as a seasonal staff, then as the equipment mechanic before his promotion to District Manager on November 29, 1978, the position he held to his retirement in November 2003 at 68 years of age. Claude guided the district through the tough proposition 13 period that shrunk the district’s full time staff of 17 to only four, and helped it rebound over the years. He served the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California in various capacities including as its President in 1989. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Mosquito season is here!

It is time to start preparing your home to be a mosquito-free environment! Homes and yards are often a **major source** for mosquito production. Anything that holds standing water for more than 3 days has the ability to produce mosquitoes! Make sure you identify, drain, and cover any container holding standard water. This includes items such as buckets, flower pots, pet water bowls, and children’s toys.

If you would like to know of more ways to protect your property, please visit: <https://www.eastsidemosquito.com/how-you-can-help>



Invasive Mosquito Alert!

Aedes aegypti, commonly known as the Yellow Fever mosquito, arrived in Stanislaus county in 2019 and are spreading fast. You may see these small, black mosquitoes with white stripes around your home this summer. They are urban, container breeding mosquitoes that are well adapted to laying eggs in the **smallest of containers** like bottle caps, flower pots, and yard drains.



Why should you care?

They are hard to control! Their eggs are capable of surviving over winter and can hatch at any time. Plus, this mosquito only flies 250 feet from where it hatched, meaning that your property could be producing them! You and your neighbors must work together to get rid of any egg laying sources if you want to fight the bite!

Mosquitofish available now!

Mosquitofish can be placed inside small ponds or water troughs to help control mosquitoes. These little fish can consume up to 300 mosquito larva a day! Only a few are needed to start as they can deliver 40-100 live young every month. Mosquitofish offer an appealing and environmentally friendly alternative to chemical larvicide applications.

Requests for mosquitofish can be submitted via our website.



East Side MAD's services



Adulticide and larvicide applications



Mosquitofish applications



Community outreach



Mosquito and disease surveillance

Since 1939, East Side Mosquito Abatement District has operated as a special district to serve the residences of Stanislaus County north of the Tuolumne River. ESMAD is dedicated to protecting the community from both mosquitos and mosquito borne illnesses year round.

How to submit a free service request:

Please visit our website to submit a service request. Do not worry if you do not hear back from us. All requests are transcribed and serviced within 72 hours of submission. If a technician needs more information to complete the request, they will contact you directly.

Contact us today!

eastsidemosquito.com (209) 522-4098

2000 Santa Fe Ave Modesto, CA 95357 Mon-Fri 7:30am-3:00pm

Green pool reminders:

If you or your neighbor has an unmaintained swimming pool, please submit a service request with the address where the neglected pool is located. These pools can produce *thousands* of mosquitos every week. A mosquito control technician will be out to inspect and treat the pool if necessary.

Remember: not all green pools have been left untreated!

A technician may add mosquitofish or apply larvicide to the pool. This does not alter the color or appearance of the pool, but it does eliminate the mosquito larva. Technicians tag and regularly check on unmaintained pools to ensure no larva is present and reapply treatment if necessary.

Spray Notice

East side MAD will begin its annual spray services April through October. You may see white trucks with our logo on them between the hours of 2 and 6am. These trucks are conducting adulticide applications. The mist from the trucks will float over your property and kill any flying, adult mosquito it comes into contact with. In addition, planes will be dispatched to fly over agricultural areas and urban areas to conduct either adulticide or larvicide applications. More information on urban flights or insecticide applications can be found on our website.

