

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



September, 2013

Important Calendar Dates:

September 5th: Board Meeting, 4:45 pm

September 11th: Flu Shots, 8:00 am, Admin Bldg.

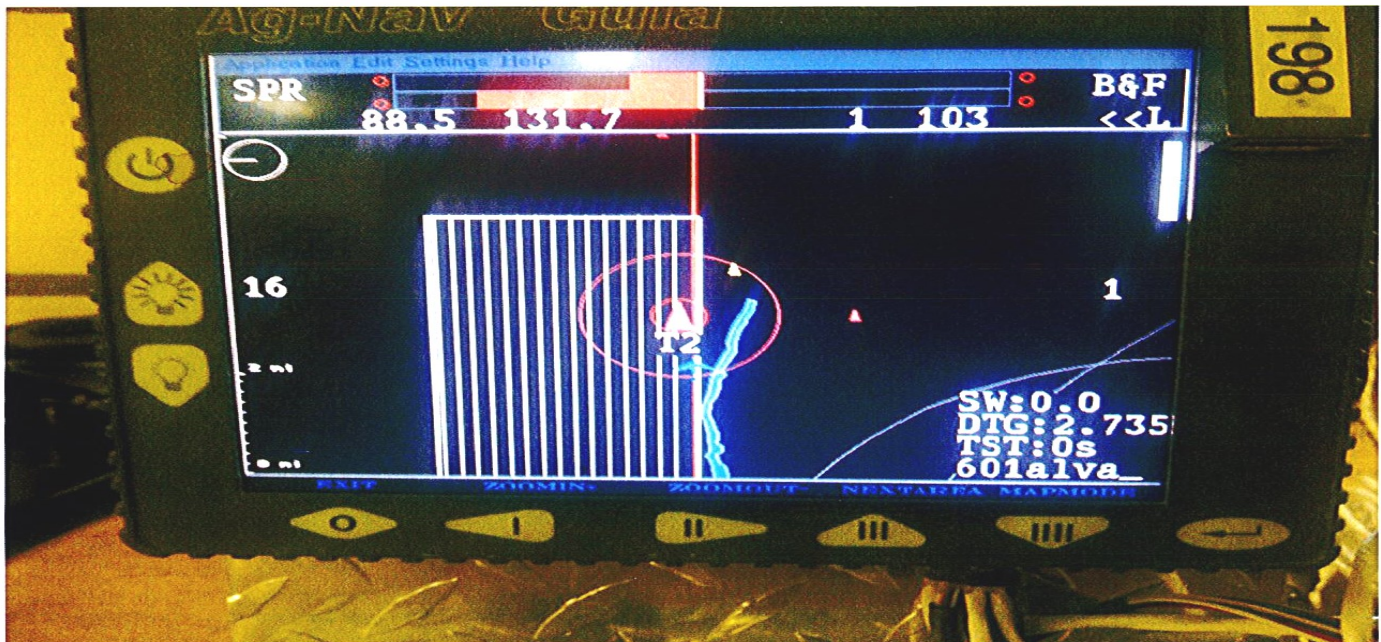
September 12th: Board Meeting 4:30 pm

September 24th: Supervisors' Mtg., 2:30 pm



Pond Watch, the citizen volunteer monitoring program, accepts samples from storm-water ponds the 2nd Monday of every month. The results help inform residents about the conditions of their ponds and guide them on best management practices that can alleviate the problems with aquatic weeds. Biologist, Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, is the coordinator of the program.

Major improvement in flight safety



Airplanes and helicopters have been around a long time, in fact it has been said that there are no new types of accidents just new people making the same mistakes. With all the improvements and enhancements to obstruction avoidance during night missions (NVG's, Reflective Tower Tape, GPS) it is rare that someone invests the time it takes to even make it safer. You would think that seeing a tower while flying at low altitude is easy, but the fact is that when you are as low as we fly, even if the towers that have lights tend to blend in with the sea of lights all around the county.

Jim McKeever, working closely with Gene Sutton and the folks at AgNav, has devised a way to warn the pilots of a potential collision with an obstacle. With this new program, the Guia looks forward, in the direction of flight and warns the crew 45 seconds in advance of a possible obstruction in the way. The first warning is a red circle that draws attention to the conflict. The circle varies in size depending on the speed of the aircraft. If an evasive maneuver is not initiated, the entire heads up display begins to flash until the pilot alters the course sufficient to avoid the possible collision. This new program, written in part by Jim, has now been flight tested and is ready to go to work, adding yet another safety feature. This is a clear example of an employee having a vision for increasing safety and doing something about it. We are truly blessed with outstanding employees at the District!

2013 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	10,763.6	0.0	18.0	0.0	65.0
February	3,876.0	0.0	33.4	1,045.6	28.0
March	922.5	0.0	6.3	622.8	32.0
April	745.1	0.0	33.5	2,254.6	72.0
May	15,153.9	0.0	52.4	6,579.7	130.0
June	131,635.9	169,780.0	260.8	11,772.0	663.0
July	174,152.2	681,631.1	441.5	7,122.0	1,788.0
August					296.0
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

August 7-8th marked the 19th Annual Environmental Management & Chemical Spill Response class held in Key West by instructor Chris Pappas. George Baker, Don Claytor, Brian Cotterill and Gary Skelton are required to maintain their OSHA Level V incident Command Licenses.



Temps inside the Level A suits reached as high as 127 degrees F for those brave enough to go into them as did Gary Skelton pictured.

August 13th, a class was conducted by the State of Florida concerning Florida Public Records Retention, State Statute 119. Exec. Dir., Wayne Gale, Russ Baker, Susan Merris, Katie Heggemeier, Shelley Dew, Lynn Schiegner, Nathin Sousa and Kevin Watts were in attendance.



Don Doggett retired from Lee County Hyacinth Control District on August 30, 2013. Don has worked at the District for 36 years. He originally started as Dr. Richard Levy's assistant with LCMCD in 1977. Best wishes Don!



John White held a class for the night-time spray drivers on August 22nd, to go over Standard Operating Procedures as a review for all of the experienced drivers and new information for the new night drivers.

1. Exec. Dir. T. Wayne Gale attended a DOACS rule-making meeting in Apopka Aug. 29th.
2. Shelly Redovan attended a FMCA Financial Board Meeting in Apopka Aug. 29th.
3. Jon Hornby attended a FDACS Grant Research Meeting at the CMAVE Lab in Gainesville, Aug. 29th.