LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



April 1st & 2nd: Continuation of AMCA Meetings

April 5th: Easter Sunday

April 9th: Board Meeting 10:00 am & Workshop

April 10th: 7:30 to Noon—Clarke Workshop, Trng. Rm.

April 30th: Gene Sutton Retirement Day



Mosquito Identification and Certification Workshop - March 2015 Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory - University of Florida / IFAS

Congratulations to Rachel Morreale and Robert Scarpantonio! They just have completed and successfully passed the Florida Medical Entomology Lab of University of Florida's special Mosquito Identification and Certification Workshop. Shelly Redovan took Ms. Judy Brown and Mr. John Lesser on a tour of our facilities. Mr. Lesser is a retired Navy Commander pilot who flew C40s. He was anxious to tour our DC-3's. They loved our facilities and our historical area on the Buckingham Air Field display, which has been artfully put "together" by Ken Sonne.

LCMCD and LCHCD welcomed Leadership Lee County to our districts March 13th. After viewing our district video, a power point presentation was given by Jon Hornby on Adulticiding and Bryan Smith gave a presentation on Larviciding techniques. Neil Wilkinson presented *Aquatic Systems/Mosquito Education;* a Yard Tour was given by our Director Gale and an Aquatic Demonstration was given by LCHCD. Ernesto lasso

de la Vega spoke about *Pond Watch* and Milton Sterling did a presentation concerning disease surveillance.



Kevin Watts , Jeremy Ford, Keith Andreu, and Ken Sonne took part in an aquatic demonstration.



2013 Tield Activity		Clivity			
ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	7,697.7	0.0	15.3	0.0	72.0
February	0.0	0.0	8.9	127.1	25.0
March					121.0
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

2015 Field Activity

March 27th, LCMCD and LCHCD hosted the SPRING REGULATORY TOUR. The groups that participated included EPA personnel, FL Fruit & Vegetable Assoc., FDACS Bureau of Licensing & Enforcement, USDA—Offc. of Pest Mgmt., South FL Water Mgmt. Dist., FL Fertilizer & Agrochemical Assoc., Offc. Of Food Safety-FDA, and Univ. of FL. All of these 45 visitors were treated to a helicopter spraying demo at a marsh on Beautiful Island and an Aquatic Demonstration at Harns Marsh in Lehigh, FL. LCMCD and LCHCD personnel gave a yard tour, speaker presentations, water quality analysis, a tour of the ID Mosquito Lab and lunch with a Q & A session. Thanks to Shelly Redovan, Katie Heggemeier, Mike Vigus, Milton Sterling, Brian Cotterill, Kevin Watts, Ernesto Lasso de la Vega, Dr. Jon Hornby and Brian Murphy.

On March 9, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District had its annual Pond Watch Workshop. This event gave an opportunity for volunteers to participate and discuss data collected from last year's water quality results. FGCU student Drew Liddick was given the opportunity to present the preliminary results of his graduate study, which used data from Pond Watch sites. In addition, Ernesto Lasso de la Vega was able to present the website of the Charlotte Harbor Water Atlas, which hosts the data collected since 2000 by the Pond Watch Program. This website allows volunteers and the public to navigate easily through all ponds monitored by the program and to have access to historical records. The website is sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuarine Program and it can be visited at: http://www.chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu/pond-watch-program/

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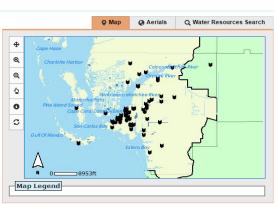


Pond Watch is a citizen volunteer monitoring program established by the Lee County Hyacinth Control District to educate citizens about pond management in stormwater ponds. Homeowners will receive an analysis of the pond and surroundings that relate to conditions that trigger aquatic weed and agae problems. The

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conditions that trigger aquatic weed and algae problems. The focus of the program is to identify and manage the source of the nutrient problem and not just the problem itself.

There is no charge for this service, however, the volunteer is expected to bring a water sample from their pond to the District facility every month in order to participate in the program and to understand how using best management practices can improve water quality and reduce excessive weed and algae growth. LCHCD staff provide the sampling containers and instructions on how to take the sample.



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