LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS









November, 2015



November 5th: Board Meeting, 10:00 am

November 5th: Alva School Festival, 4—7 pm

November 6th: Leadership Lee County

November 7th: Page Field Air Show

November 15th—18th, FMCA Annual Fall Mtg., St. Augustine

October 13th, a group of 12 CDC Interns (CDC employees interning with health departments) along with Jennifer Roth of our local Lee County Health Department toured through our Operations Room, the Mosquito Labs and a general site tour stopping at the aircraft to talk about our spray systems. Shelly Redovan was their tour and information guide.

HR Update: Thais Pineda Alfonso, who has been working with us for several months as a temporary employee through Remedy Staffing, has been hired as a full-time Program Analyst. Thais will continue to be responsible for the programming needs for the Districts. Thais will report to Keith Lowe, IT Manager and her first day as a district employee will be October 19th.

Jessica Berman, Seasonal FVAL Assistant has also accepted a full-time position with the Districts as a Field Validation Biological Technician to eventually replace Mike Nichols, Biological Technician. Although she will be working closely with Mike, she will report to Rachael Morreale.

Ed Foley has assumed the Mosquito Control Biologist III position and the responsibility for overseeing the aerial larviciding team. Ed now supervises Robert Hedrick, Michael Thomas, Paul Morgan, all Aerial Inspectors. Ed supervises Aerial Field Inspectors Robert Scarpantonio, Mosquito Control Biologist II, Kara Tyler Julian, Mosquito Control Biologist I will continue to report to Katie Heggemeier, Manager, Mosquito Control.

Congratulations to Thais, Jessica and Ed.

October 8th, Leadership Cape Coral had their annual tour group visiting and learning about mosquito and hyacinth control districts. Director Gale conducted the yard and aircraft tour, Kevin Watts talked with them about Aquatic Management in Lee County, Jim Burgess went over our procedures for Surveillance and Testing and Ed Foley did a presentation about our Larviciding Program.

The Tour Leaders were Shelly Redovan and Brian Cotterill.

October 13th, Exec. Director Gale was invited to speak at the Sanibel/Captiva Chamber. He gave an extensive power-point presentation about Lee County Mosquito and Lee County Hyacinth Control Districts.

On October 28th, Exec. Director Gale traveled to Atlanta. His class at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta is the Vector Control Module of Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER).

<u>Changes</u>: Jim McKeever will be moving into the position of Chief Pilot. Mike Vigus will be assuming the newly created role of Assistant Chief Pilot and Rita Maiss will be taking over Jim's former responsibilities of Pilot/Airport Manager. These changes are effective November 3rd. We congratulate Jim, Mike and Rita.

Wayne Luettich will be staying with us as Aircraft Mechanic Assistant and will continue to report to Al Bennett, Manager. Aircraft.

2015 Field Activity

ACRES	GROUND	AERIAL	GROUND	AERIAL	SERVICE
TREATED	ADULTICIDING	ADULTICIDING	LARVICIDING	LARVICIDING	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	12,718.4	0.0	11.4	862.4	121.0
April	15,206.4	0.0	11.5	570.2	119.0
May	27,582.1	0.0	64.4	9,255.8	240.0
June	126,786.4	106,848.6	190.1	9,695.7	666.0
July	134,791.8	376,448.7	280.0	9,525.6	445.0
August	136,135.1	571,385.1	263.1	3,029.2	2,098.0
September	127,252.1	267,128.2	237.1	3,733.1	484.0
October					148.0
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

The month of October, the Hyacinth Control District has been hosting several meetings for the *Charlotte Harbor National Estuarine Program*. This organization is a partnership of citizens, elected officials, resource managers and commercial and recreational resources users who are working to improve the ecological integrity of the watersheds that discharge in Charlotte Harbor. The watershed includes the areas from Venice to Bonita Springs and the uplands to Winter Haven. These meetings brought the opportunity to congregate scientist, citizens, government and private organizations from seven (7) counties to discuss issues that affect the environment. The District has been represented in technical, citizen and policy advisory committees since its origin in 1992. If you are interested in the activities of this program, you can find them at www.CHNEP.org.

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From Susan—HR: Dawn Brown, who has been working with us as a temporary employee through Accounttemps since June of 2014, will be leaving us on Friday, October 30th. Dawn has been a tremendous help to the Finance Department assisting with the transition and has finished the work that she was brought on board to complete. Please join me in saying goodbye and in wishing Dawn every success in her future endeavors.

Rumor has it that Rachael and Jessica have taken over the old Hyacinth Control Building and Lab. Mike tells us that he now has a coffee maker and a newly renovated lab and office.

