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# Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

## POLICY MANUAL

**POLICY TITLE:** Reimbursement of Abatement Action  
**POLICY NUMBER:** 4080

### 4080.1 Reimbursement of Abatement Action

**4080.1.1** Tax revenues received by the District are only adequate for the purposes of maintaining reasonable and appropriate vector control within the boundaries of the District. These tax revenues do not provide sufficient funding for the control of significant landowner-caused mosquito sources that produce such large numbers of mosquitoes that it results in a public nuisance and a potential health hazard. A significant mosquito source is defined as being three or more acres in size and producing an average threshold of three or more larvae per dip. It is the District’s policy regarding control of such significant sources to provide control of the nuisance and to obtain reimbursement from the landowner whose actions produced the problem. Landowners wishing to control the nuisance with their own or private contractors may do so subject to District inspection. The District reserves the right to modify the definition of a significant mosquito source as necessary to protect public health.

**4080.1.2** When a significant mosquito source as defined above is found, the District will provide preliminary notification to the landowner that the presence of mosquito larvae on the property indicates that a public nuisance exists. The District will request of the landowner, and assist in the development of a control mechanism or modification of practices to reduce the number of mosquito larvae. In the event the landowner requests it, or in those circumstances where no satisfactory response from the landowner to the preliminary notification is received, the District will undertake treatment activities to reduce the immediate threat that a public nuisance exists on the property. After the treatment, the District will request that the landowner voluntarily participate in a reimbursement of the costs incurred as set forth in an itemized bill provided by the District. If the bill is not paid within thirty (30) days, or if the landowner otherwise declines or refuses to respond to the District’s request for abatement of the public nuisance, the District will initiate formal abatement proceedings in accordance with the Health and Safety Code (Sec 2,000, et seq.) and provide formal notice to the property owner of the initiation of such abatement actions. The costs and expenses of the District in enforcing an abatement notice shall be added to the abatement cost otherwise billable to the landowner in accordance with law.

**4080.1.3** This policy shall apply to all lands within the District’s boundaries and those lands reasonably adjacent thereto upon which the District believes a public nuisance exists or will exist which will affect and increase the presence of mosquitoes within the District boundaries. (12/08/04)