



The last two weeks of January were quite cold but there was no rain (and no snow!). It is too early to rely on the forecasts for the Columbia River's discharges in May, but we have started to see some data online. Many changes in temperature and precipitation can happen in the next weeks so we are being cautious with current forecasts.

Below please find a general report on our different departments/activities.

- **Administration:**

- **County**

- Nothing to report.

- **Clark County Public Health (CCPH)**

- Nothing to report.

- **County Treasurer**

- Nothing to report.

- **TDJ CPA**

- I have finalized the draft copies of 19 procedures and guidelines that will be presented to a Board committee for review. It was supposed to be sent to the Board members for comments for the Board meeting in February, but it was postponed to May since other priorities (mission and competency categories) were scheduled for the February meeting.

- **Budget 2024:**

- We should be around \$408K below budget at the end of 2024 (final numbers have not been provided yet). The main savings were:
 - Salaries \$137K (Doug & Jessie's salaries, benefits adjustments)
 - Total supplies \$35K (less pesticides purchased)
 - Professional Services \$60K (no helicopter contract)
 - Capital Expenditures \$120K (no purchases in 2024 – trailer, GO4)
 - Extra revenues \$60K (investment interests)
- Based on discussions at the last Board meeting, we used up some of the "extra money" (\$300K) to reduce number for our revenue budget number for 2025.

- **Operations**

- For family reasons, Douglas will leave his position of Field Supervisor with the District by mid-March. His position was posted on different job boards on January 28, 2025. The posting is open until February 14. Interviews will be held in the following weeks. Hopefully, we will find the right candidate to be present at the beginning of our season in April.
- All annual reports for 2024 were submitted. Our team is working on preparing our next mosquito season by updating the website, employees' training, etc. Abby is also studying to get her pilot license for operating our drones.
- On January 21 - January 22, 2025, Abby and Madison attended a roundtable meeting in TriCity, WA regarding drone operations. Madison gave a presentation on our drone program that included a short history of our program, the different drones we are using, equipment, etc. They came back with a lot of information on new technologies, regulations, and valuable contacts with other mosquito districts.
- On January 22, 2025, Douglas and I attended a meeting in St. Helens, OR with the three other districts involved in the aerial larviciding treatments by helicopter. The aerial contractor was also present at the meeting with the two pilots that will be assigned to our operations. Since this will be our first season with this new contractor, we took the time to explain and discuss what will be needed by all the parties involved. As a reminder, we got our Congested Areas Plan (CAP) from FAA last year, so the helicopter can fly for us if needed.
- The Refuges' administrators are still working on their Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) plan. Based on recent news we got from them and the fact that there are still many steps to go through before they can get an approval; it is very unlikely that the final approval of their IMM will happen for our spring treatments usually performed in May and June.
- We will be posting for our seasonal employees by mid-February for a start date for some in April and others in May.
- Abby and Madison are getting familiar with our new VeeMAC software (operations + adulticide modules) to make sure the transition of our previous software is done in a timely manner and be ready for the beginning of our season in April.

- **Lab**

- We sent larvae of *Culex pipiens* to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at their Division of Vector-borne Diseases based in Fort Collins, CO for DNA testing. This is our third year we are sending specimens for DNA testing. We want to continue documenting the presence of our *Culex pipiens* hybrid population in our catch basins.
- When Rick and Wade will be back next spring, the priority will also be to get familiar with our new VeeMAC software (lab module) and be ready for our trapping season starting in April.