



- **Administration:**

- The hiring committee completed the first round of interviews for the District Manager position, to determine Mario's replacement. The second round of interviews will be taking place on Friday, July 31st.
- There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, August 18th for the board to review final-round applicants' qualifications and for final hiring decisions for the District Manager role to be made.

- **Operations**

- Since our last update in early July, we have had little rain, resulting in much less standing water. Most places still see low trap counts, but traps near Vancouver Lake and Ridgefield Refuge are catching more than other spots. The traps in these areas mostly have *Culex tarsalis*, which likes permanent water in open spaces.
- We have wrapped up the second round of catch basin treatments. This time we used Natular G30 granules (spinosad-based) and for the third round, we'll go back to Altosid pellets (methoprene-based). Rotating different modes of action helps keep resistance down in the larvae.
- Two years ago, we ran a bioassay to test our *Culex* larvae that showed resistance to the *Bacillus sphaericus* active ingredient in our catch basins. We want to verify to what extent our larvae are still resistant to this active ingredient. We started another bioassay on Tuesday, July 28th to gauge current resistance levels. The results will help us to assess if we should have products with *Bacillus sphaericus* as the active ingredient back into our rotation or not. Results are not available yet.
- From May 22nd-July 13th there were eight treatment flights using the drone. There was a total of 158 acres treated with granular larvicide.

- **Lab**

- Like we said in our last report, we're catching more *Culex tarsalis* than usual for this time of year. Usually, those high numbers start dropping off in August. We're also seeing more *Anopheles* out in the field, which is normal for this time of year. If there is algae and duckweed (a type of water plant) in permanent water spots, they will attract *Anopheles*.
- As of July 30th, 2026, 42 pools of mosquitoes were tested positive for WNV in WA state. Also, six crows have been tested positive for WNV. All of those pools and crows were in locations east of the Cascades. As of July 30th, 2026, we have tested 674 pools of mosquitoes in Clark County and they are all negative.

- **Safety Report**

- On June 19th two employees were out on the Argo and bumped into a headbox that was hidden in berry bushes, and they both sustained minor injuries.
- Another event occurred on July 17th. An employee hurt their lower-back trying to put a trailer back on its hitch after it got disconnected. Because this accident was avoidable, Mark Newman, our acting Safety Officer, walked all our seasonal staff through the proper actions to take if a trailer hitch becomes disconnected in the future, to ensure this event does not occur again.
- All three employee injuries were reported to WA Labor & Industries and all three employees performed “light duty” activities as prescribed while they healed from their injuries. All employees received payment for their medical treatment through workers' compensation.
- employees are now back to regular work duties in accordance with what was prescribed by the physicians that they all saw.