Alameda County Vector Control District 2012 NPDES Annual Report Order # 2011-0002-DWQ NPDES# CAG 990004

1. Annual Report

a. Executive Summary

Alameda County Vector Control Services District complied with the applicable components of the General NPDES Permit for Biological and Residual Pesticide Discharges from Vector Control Applications (General Permit). The District is a member of the MVCAC NPDES Permit Coalition and the Coalition conducted all required chemical and physical monitoring. The results of the Coalition's monitoring will be included in the Coalition Annual Report that will be sent separately to the SWRCB and Regional Boards.

The District made a single application of Altosid briquets (methoprene) at the drainage site in Golden Gate Fields in Albany, CA. The log of this application can be found in Attachment B. The District did not perform Visual Monitoring of individual application sites identified as "Waters of the US". The visual monitoring completed by the District in the first half of the year found that there is no observable change in water quality between the background, event, and post event time periods. The SWRCB notified the permit holders in a letter to MVCAC dated July 13, 2012 that because the visual monitoring requirements were "interfering with the need for maximal efficient application to adequately protect human health from vector-borne diseases like West Nile Virus," that the visual monitoring was no longer required by individual Districts. The District continued to follow the guidelines of its Pesticide Application Plan (PAP).

b. Summary of Monitoring Data

The District began the year by complying with the visual monitoring requirements of the permit. See Footnote 1 of Tables C-1 and C-2 in Amended Water Quality Control Order No. 2011-0002-DWQ, General Permit No. CAG990004. These requirements required a tremendous amount of time to monitor including a number of revisits to specific sites to gather the necessary information. Most critically, time spent revisiting old sites caused delay in getting to new sites. Given the short lifecycle of the mosquito, this greatly exacerbated the task of looking for and treating mosquito breeding sites early in their lifecycle when treatment is more concentrated and effective. Recognizing the need of mosquito control districts to quickly find and treat mosquito breeding sites to prevent the spread of disease, such as West Nile virus, the SWRCB issued a letter to MVCAC dated July 13, 2012 that indicated the visual monitoring requirement would no longer be required of individual Districts.

Per the instructions in the letter, the Coalition will provide information on the incidence of West Nile Virus and other similar public health threats in the Coalition's annual report.

For the reasons stated above, the District will no longer be collecting visual monitoring data.

c. <u>BMP Identification</u>

BMP's utilized by the District are outlined in the District's PAP. These include; emphasis on reducing mosquito breeding habitat through non-chemical means, training employees to prevent spills and applying appropriate amount of chemical in each treatment area, calibrate application equipment and use a biology based assessment for determining treatment thresholds.

- d. <u>Violation Discussion</u> No violations of the General Permit by the District were observed.
- e. <u>Map of Applications</u> See Attachment A
- f. <u>Log of Applications made to Waters of the U.S.</u> Attachment B includes monthly reports of all application data on the covered application areas.
- g. <u>General Information on Applications</u> Attachment B includes information on dosage, concentration and quantity of each pesticide used which are derived from the individual pesticide labels.
- h. <u>Visual Monitoring Data</u> Visual Monitoring Data has been submitted to the State Water Board in the provided Monitoring Database Form -Attachment C.
- i. <u>BMP, PAP, Monitoring Program Recommendations</u> No recommendations are being proposed to improve the current BMP's, PAP, or monitoring plan. Any changes to the Coalition Monitoring Plan will be highlighted in the Coalition Monitoring Annual Report.
- j. <u>Pesticide Application Log made to Waters of the U.S.</u> A representation of the pesticide application log is contained in Attachment B
- 2. Updated PAP Components N/A
- 3. Self Monitoring Reports N/A

4. **Monitoring Reports**

The Coalition Monitoring Annual Report will summarize all physical measurements and chemical monitoring done for 2011 and 2012.

			Application Info	
Date of Application	Applicator	Location	Name of Water Body	Type of Water Body
7/19/2012	S. Mendoza	37.886361, -122310343	Cordonices/Village Creek	Creek
7/19/2012	S. Mendoza	37.8843, -122.3099	Cordonices/Village Creek	Creek

				MONITORING Information				
	Description	Type of pesticide	Product Name	Time of monitoring	Monitoring Date	Time		
			•	No visual monitoring performed No visual monitoring performed		1:36pm 2:18pm		

Name(s) of personnel	Overhead Conditions	Precipitation	Wind	Air Temperature	Water Color
S. Mendoza	Clear	None	None		
S. Mendoza	Clear	None	None		

		Visual C	bservation		
Water Clarity	Floating/Susp ended Matter	Bottom Deposits	Aquatic Life	Water Surface Oils	Fungi,Slimes or objectionable growths

	Field Measurements				
			Electrical		Dissolved
Potential Nuisance Conditions	Water Temperature	Model	condutivit	Model	oxygen
			y (EC)		(DO)

Model	pН	Model	Turbidity	Model

