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MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL ASSESSMENT BALLOTS SHOW SUPPORT

Ballot results from the Santa Cruz County Mosquito & Vector Control District's proposed benefit assessment shows more than 61 percent in support. The results will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at the Nov. 18, 2025 meeting.

If accepted and enrolled by the Board, the assessment will support District services that protect residents from mosquitoes, ticks, and other disease-carrying vectors throughout Santa Cruz County.

"This outcome reflects the community's trust in the District's work to safeguard public health," County Agricultural Commissioner David Sanford said. "These funds will ensure continued monitoring, prevention, and education programs that benefit residents countywide."

The new assessment would appear on property tax bills beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27. Most single-family homes would pay \$11.99 per year, with a smaller per unit assessment for multi-family housing. A full schedule is available at <https://mvc.santacruzcountyca.gov/Transparency/ProposedNewBenefitAssessment2025.aspx>.

The assessment supports a comprehensive set of public health services, including monitoring native and invasive mosquitoes, testing mosquitoes, ticks, and other vectors for disease, and providing inspections and guidance to help prevent rodent infestations. The District also offers tick identification, delivers mosquito-eating fish for ponds and troughs, and responds to requests involving mosquitoes, rodents, ticks, and other vectors. It also conducts environmentally responsible mosquito control and community education to promote vector safety and disease prevention.

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