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VECTOR CONTROL BALLOT DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Santa Cruz County Mosquito & Vector Control District reminds property owners that official ballots for the proposed Mosquito and Vector Control benefit assessment must be received by Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Ballots were mailed to all property owners earlier this fall, and results will determine whether local funding for mosquito, tick, and rodent control services is maintained and enhanced in the years ahead.

At this stage, property owners are advised not to mail ballots and instead return them in person to Mosquito & Vector Control District offices at 640 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz. Ballots may also be dropped off to the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on Nov. 4, 2025, scheduled for 10:45 a.m. The Board is meeting in the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., Watsonville.

The Vector Control Division protects public health by monitoring and controlling mosquitoes, ticks, rodents, and other vectors that spread disease. Current assessment levels no longer keep pace with rising costs and emerging threats, including the local detection of invasive mosquitoes that can carry dengue, Zika, and other viruses.

If approved, most families would pay the equivalent of \$1 per month (yearly assessment amounts are listed on individual ballots), with all funds dedicated exclusively to local mosquito and vector control services and funds may not be used for any other purpose.

Voters should avoid using General Election Ballot boxes for Mosquito & Vector Control District assessment ballots. However, misreturned ballots will be counted.

For questions or for a replacement ballot, please contact the Mosquito & Vector Control District at (831) 454-2590 or visit district offices at 640 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz. More information at mvc.santacruzcountyca.gov.

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