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**Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Celebrates 95 years of service.**

*Mosquito control is a community effort, and we are proud to be working with you.*

*California Mosquito Awareness Week begins April 16-22, 2023.*

**Coachella Valley, CA-** Want to hear a story? 95 years ago, the Coachella Valley was experiencing a significant problem with eye gnats. They were causing pink eye to spread so rapidly that schools in the Coachella Valley closed for two months! In response, the Mosquito Abatement District was created.

“Fortunately, today we don’t have eye gnats to worry much about,” says Information Manager Tammy Gordon, “But we do have disease carrying mosquitoes and invasive fire ants. So, we continue to work with you to keep our neighborhoods safe and healthy.”

Join us in celebrating 95 years of service and California Mosquito Awareness Week by stopping by our booth at a community event and learning more about our work. We are excited to share our latest innovations in mosquito control, including the use of drones and SIT (Sterile Insect Technique) to control the population of female mosquitoes.

To make the biggest impact in controlling mosquitoes, it needs the entire community’s involvement. We’re proud to be working beside you for 95 years!

So come celebrate with us and learn more about how we’re working together to keep the Coachella Valley mosquito-free!

Join us virtually and at local events April 16-22, 2023, as we share more tips on source reduction and mosquito control's future.

Follow our social media platforms @cvmosquito and visit our website cvmosquito.org.

**Prevent mosquitoes around your home:**

* Check for overwatering. Clean lawn drains regularly and reduce or eliminate landscape irrigation run-off to the street.
* Inspect yards for standing water sources. Drain water that collects under potted plants, birdbaths, tires, and any other water holding containers.
* Clean and scrub pet dishes and water features weekly.

**Prevent mosquito bites:**

* Don't go outside around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
* Wear insect repellent with EPA registered ingredients.
* Cover up. Wear long sleeve shirts, pants, socks, and shoes when mosquitoes are most active.
* Check window and door screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.