



The Canaries Foundation of San Luis Obispo County Public Action Alert Notice

The SLO County Board of Supervisors are about to do something that is potentially very dangerous to the health and welfare of you and your family - and you need to know about it.

On January 25, 2005 the SLO County Board of Supervisors will vote to approve a \$300,000 payment for a marketing spin campaign aimed at convincing voters to approve a **PERMANENT MOSQUITO/ INSECT VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT** - which would have the legal right to spray your homes, children, schools, churches and hospitals with dangerous, toxic pesticides when ever they want to. This is wrong. You need, and deserve, the right to protect your family.

This is government bureaucracy at its worst - and we need your help to stop it.

No government should have the absolute power to spray your family with toxic pesticides whenever they want to; but, that seems to be the goal of the SLO Board of Supervisors. There are better, safer alternatives. This is a "bottomless pit" program that could cost millions of dollars a year. And there are better ways to spend hard-earned tax payer dollars. Even Governor Schwarzeneger agreed when he said that "We don't have a budget crisis...we have a spending crisis." We need your help to stop this nonsense. Let's work together to change the SLO County Supervisor opinion - and save our community!

10 Reasons why the SLO County Supervisors should say NO!



- 1. Wasteful, Unfair Spending.** SLO will spend \$300,000 on marketing spin campaign.
- 2. New Wasteful, Permanent, Powerful Bureaucracy.** With the power to spray any time, any where.
- 3. Unfair One-Sided Election.** They're stacking the deck with dirty trick politics.
- 4. A "false emergency."** They have invented a false, West Nile Virus, emergency. Pure nonsense.
- 5. Significant increase in dangerous poisons and toxins.** This will hurt, or kill, many more people.
- 6. Dangerous Pesticide Fogging.** Pesticides weaken the immune system - increasing medical risks.
- 7. The least effective method to kill mosquitos.** Mosquitos are becoming resistant to pesticides.
- 8. Fogging and BT Larvacide are expensive, Pesticide Treadmills.** Look for spiraling budgets.
- 9. Lawn & Lake Chemicals create a Pesticide Treadmill.** The annual budget should be over \$2M.
- 10. This is not an acceptable risk.** The use of pesticides and toxins is far more dangerous.

What can you do to help protect your community?



We need to work together to stop this bureaucratic nonsense.

Action 1

Call the SLO County Board of Supervisors at (805)781-5450 to **Say NO**, or send an email to tarritt@co.slo.ca.us to **Say NO**, or fax this part of this form to (805) 781-1350 to **Say NO**.



I **say NO** to SLO County spending \$300,000 for the spin marketing firm to conduct a special election with a one-sided West Nile Virus education campaign. I **say NO** to a county wide Mosquito/insect Vector Control District. I will be part of the solution by cutting down or eliminating dangerous chemical pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and other toxic chemicals on my property to prevent storm water run off from polluting creeks, lakes resulting in an increase of mosquitoes. I will not allow standing water on my property unless it has fish, mosquito fish, or a product that prevents the growth of mosquito larva. I will also buy a mosquito zapper that kills only mosquitoes (not beneficial insects).

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Action 2

Call 781-5910 to register for the SLO County Pesticide Sensitive Registry



Anyone concerned about pesticide risks can register - including healthy people, organic gardeners, fish pond owners, and those with illness concerns. While everyone is at risk, the people most at risk for pesticide illness or death from legal pesticide exposure include the elderly, pregnant women, young children, infants, and anyone ill, especially those chemically sensitive, or those with respiratory, cardiac, neurological diseases, including chronic diseases such as chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, cancer or other immune system compromised diseases. Canaries suggests that you ask for a one mile **no spray zone** to help protect you and your property from pesticide fogging drift. When they won't give you a **no spray zone**, ask them to tarp your yard and relocate you to a hotel out of the area. They don't provide these services, but if they are going to risk killing some of us in case of an Emergency, we believe they morally should. By asking you are establishing the concern and the need for such a program.

Action 3

We need your help. Please MAIL urgently needed tax-deductible \$\$\$ donations to help pay for flyers, literature, newspaper advertisements, and videos on stopping the SLO Vector Control District. We will send you a Free "No Acceptable Risk" DVD video for a \$25 donation. Mail your donations to: the Canaries Foundation, Inc. ;PO Box 3253, SLO, CA 93403-3253.



Donation Amount \$ _____ Also, think about donating your time to a great community cause. This is a grass roots county wide effort. We need help in distributing flyers, bumper stickers and videos - and in other areas as well. Please spread the word. And make sure you and your friends watch our "No Acceptable Risk" show on Cable Access! Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please sign me up for the West Nile Virus Email information and Action alert list.

My Email Address: _____