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March 21, 2002

Agenda: April 9, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Re: Convert Agricultural Biologist Aide (Extra Help) to Agricultural Biologist Aide  
(Limited Term) within Mosquito and Vector Control Budget Unit 130320**

Dear Members of the Board:

Most years the District hires an Agricultural Biologist Aide (extra help) **as** a seasonal mosquito worker to assist our Mosquito District Vector Control Technicians (VCT) with various field activities and laboratory work. This allows year-round staff to expedite their work during the season when mosquitoes develop the fastest, concentrate on more specialized and technical aspects of their jobs and adds a degree of safety to marsh work.

Unlike extra help positions, limited term would provide benefits and incentive to return the next season. Returning workers have acquired skills, need less training time and could be sponsored for Department of Health Services certification, resulting in a more competent employee who could work with less direct supervision. The Department **has** often found the best candidates to fill vacancies in permanent positions among our limited term, seasonal staff. This classification would attract higher ranked candidates and bring the mosquito control seasonal in line with other Agricultural Commissioners seasonal positions such **as** in the successful pest detection, lettuce inspection and glassy-winged sharpshooter programs which have benefited from their experience.

The limited term position we are proposing is needed for the upcoming mosquito breeding season, which runs from April through October, a period of approximately **23** weeks. The position can be completely funded for the remainder **of** this fiscal year through the appropriation approved for the extra help position in the current year's budget. An appropriation request for the position for next fiscal year will be included in our **FY 2002-03** budget to be presented to your Board at budget hearings. There is no impact on the County General Fund **as** the District's activities are entirely funded through County Service Area No. **53** parcel taxes.

**Approve Conversion to Agricultural Biologist Aide (Limited Term)**  
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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

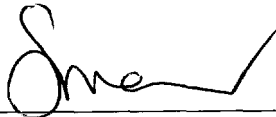
Approve conversion **of** an Agricultural Biologist Aide (Extra Help) in Mosquito and Vector Control District Budget Unit 130320 to an Agricultural Biologist Aide (Limited Term), with a term of 7 months (1 1 ½ pay periods).

Sincerely ,



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Mosquito and Vector Control District

Approved:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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