



# Mosquito, Rodent and Disease Control In the City of Riverside

## Riverside has an Opportunity to Improve its Defense Against Disease-Carrying Pests like Rodents and Mosquitoes

- Currently, the City of Riverside only provides minimal service and treatment-only response to mosquitoes and bee removal on city property
- In March, property owners will have the opportunity to vote to allow Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District (Northwest) to provide services to the entire City of Riverside
- With a majority approval, assessments as noted below would be levied on the approximately 75% of parcels in the City that are not currently within the Northwest's district
- Northwest would provide detection and treatment for mosquitoes, Africanized bees, rodents, flies, and other pests that carry infectious diseases like West Nile Virus and Yellow Fever

## Better Protection and Services for a Minimal Annual Price

- Homeowners would receive **free**, personal vector control and extermination services for just .80¢ per month, assessed yearly on their property taxes
- Typical larger commercial and industrial property owners will receive the same services, but would be assessed a minimal per acre amount of \$19.20 for the first 5 acres and \$4.80 for acreage after the first 5
- This measure is supported by the City of Riverside and the Riverside Chamber of Commerce



## Exterminations Costs for Property Owners in Riverside

<b>Current Costs for Service</b> (Services not provided by City of Riverside)	<b>Northwest</b> (Services included as part of assessment)
- Africanized Bees: \$300 up to \$1,000	- Africanized Bees: \$0
- Rats and Rodents: \$100 up to \$500	- Rats and Rodents: \$0
- Flies: \$100 and up	- Flies: \$0



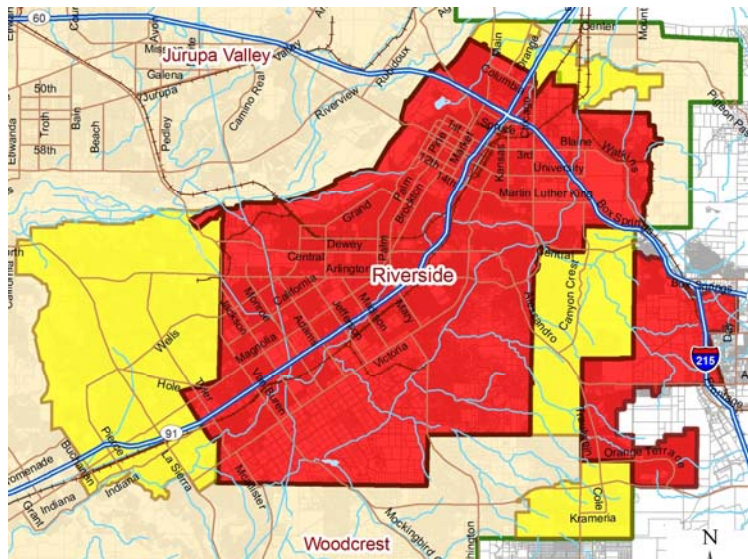
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## Why is Vector Control Important?

- Vector control is the protection of public health through the identification, prevention, and control of pests (typically insects and rodents) that transmit infectious diseases
- According to the CDC, California's is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country in West Nile Virus cases and deaths – a disease spread by mosquitoes
- California is also ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Hantavirus cases - a disease commonly spread through rodents that has a 36% fatality rate

## Allows Northwest to Improve Overall Regional Health and Safety

- Northwest currently serves all of the adjacent areas surrounding the City of Riverside including Corona, Norco and parts of Riverside
- Expansion to serve all of the City of Riverside will provide a more coordinated, aggressive and efficient approach for the surveillance and control of disease carrying pests



■ Protected Area

■ Unprotected Area

## Next Steps

- **February 19<sup>th</sup>** – City of Riverside City Council to consider election for Northwest services
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mail ballots to be considered by Northwest board of directors
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Ballots mailed to Riverside property owners
- **April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Public hearing to provide information
- **April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Ballots tabulated
- **May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Announcement of election results

### If Approved,

- **July 2013** – Northwest service begin
- **December 2013** – First assessment of property taxes

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