

**Metropolitan
Mosquito Control District**

Commission Meeting

August 26, 2026

9:15 AM

Information Packet

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

AUGUST 26, 2026 – 9:15 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introduction

CONSENT AGENDA *The following items (3-4) are administrative in detail and will be approved in one motion unless a Commissioner wishes to withdraw an item for discussion.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for July 22nd, 2026
4. General Checks and Claims 81914-81987

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Legislative Update – Kim Scott and Peg Larsen
6. Welcome Zoe Hansen and Kayla Malone
7. Bat Boxes at MMCD with Girl Scouts
8. Metrics Dashboard and Key Performance Indicators
9. Language Line
10. Executive Director's Report
11. Other Items
12. Adjournment

* Action Requested

COMMISSIONER	COUNTY	COMMISSIONER	COUNTY
___ Mandy Meisner	Anoka	___ Angela Conley	Hennepin
___ Jeff Reinert	Anoka	___ Heather Edelson	Hennepin
___ John Heinrich	Anoka	___ Rena Moran	Ramsey
___ John Fahey	Carver	___ Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey
___ Lisa Anderson	Carver	___ Kelly Miller	Ramsey
___ Mary Hamann-Roland	Dakota	___ Tom Wolf	Scott
___ Laurie Halverson	Dakota	___ David Beer	Scott
___ Liz Workman	Dakota	___ Bethany Cox	Washington
___ Kevin Anderson	Hennepin	___ Fran Miron	Washington

Next Full Commission Meeting: October 28th, 2026 9:15am
Next Executive Committee Meeting: September 23rd, 2026 9:15am

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 22, 2026 – 9:15AM

Roll Call:

Commissioner Lisa Anderson, Acting Chair	Carver County
Commissioner Mandy Meisner	Anoka County
Commissioner John Heinrich	Anoka County
Commissioner John Fahey	Carver County
Commissioner Laurie Halverson	Dakota County
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland	Dakota County
Commissioner Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County
Commissioner Heather Edelson	Hennepin County
Commissioner Angela Conley	Hennepin County
Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County
Commissioner Kelly Miller	Ramsey County
Commissioner Tom Wolf	Scott County
Commissioner Bethany Cox	Washington County
Commissioner Fran Miron	Washington County

Staff:

Daniel Huff, Executive Director
Maria Mancilla-Diaz, Business Administrator
Jon Peterson, Assistant Director
Jennifer Macchia, Business Office Manager
Scott Larson, PhD, District Entomologist
Alex Carlson, Public Affairs Manager
Monte Ebbesen, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Peg Larsen, MMCD Lobbyist
Kim Scott, MMCD Lobbyist
Sam Ketchum, MMCD Legal Counsel
Andy Hering, Redpath
Nathan Roisen, BWBR Principal
Kirsten Nalan, BWBR Senior Project Architect

Acting Chair Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:16am.

At the start of the meeting, present commissioners included Commissioners Lisa Anderson, Mandy Meisner, John Heinrich, Mary Hamann-Roland, Kevin Anderson, Garrison McMurtrey, Kelly Miller, and Bethany Cox. Commissioners Heather Edelson and John Fahey joined remotely due to an inability to travel at the time of the meeting.

Commissioner Hamann-Roland stated that she would have to leave early due to a conflict and she moved to amend the agenda to move approval of the Max Levy and Budget first. Commissioner Anderson moved

to amend the agenda so that all of the action items followed the 2027 Max Levy and Proposed Budget. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Anderson opened the floor to a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Miller made a motion, Commissioner Hamann-Roland seconded. By roll call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Anderson moved to item number nine in the agenda: 2027 Max Levy and Proposed Budget and she invited Executive Director Daniel Huff to present to the board. Mr. Huff presented the MMCD Budget Levy in comparison to other mosquito abatement districts throughout the country. The MMCD strategic plan included Border-to-Border services and Mr. Huff presented several ways that the District plans to begin that process.

Chair Anderson invited Business Administrator Maria Mancilla-Diaz to present on the 2027 Budget. Ms. Mancilla-Diaz presented on factors that will influence the revenue and expenses of the District in 2027 including spending dollars in the capital fund to pay for construction projects.

Commissioner Fran Miron and Commissioner Laurie Halverson arrived to the meeting at 9:28AM.

Chair Anderson opened the floor to discussion. Commissioner Miller asked about the predictability of interest and asked whether it was a good idea to factor estimated interest into the budget. Ms. Mancilla-Diaz suggested she would review best practices.

Commissioner Hamann-Roland left the meeting and Commissioner Angela Conley arrived at the meeting at 9:31AM.

Commissioner Meisner asked members of the executive committee to weigh in on the max levy and budget proposal. Commissioner Kevin Anderson said that the growth reflects the overall total of the levy, but is not a significant change for the individual taxpayer. Commissioner Anderson said the executive committee discussed whether the budget appropriately funded the work the district was doing and the answer was “yes.” Commissioner Miron referred to Commissioner Miller’s question about factoring interest earnings into the budget and said it would be a good practice.

Commissioner Tom Wolf arrived at 9:34AM.

Chair Lisa Anderson opened the floor to a motion to approve the 2027 max levy and proposed budget. Commissioner Kevin Anderson made a motion, Commissioner Miller seconded. By roll call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Anderson moved to item number seven in the agenda: Acceptance of Construction Bids and invited Business Administrator Maria Mancilla-Diaz to present. Ms. Mancilla-Diaz explained there was a public opening of the bids held in St. Paul and also virtually. Jorgensen won the bid for the St. Paul lab renovation and Market & Johnson won the bid for the Maple Grove construction project. The bids came in favorable to budget.

Chair Anderson opened the floor to a motion to accept the construction bids. Commissioner Meisner made a motion, Commissioner Halverson seconded. In discussion, Commissioner Kevin Anderson said he appreciated the months of discussion that led to this process and the bids coming in at or below budget. Commissioner Miron said the presentation documented the rationale for determining the awards, but most organizations do a resolution to document the process in case there is a challenge. By roll call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Anderson moved to item number eight on the agenda: retention policy. MMCD Legal Counsel Sam Ketchum explained that the District has not had a retention schedule and since there are a lot of documents and records, there needs to be consistency. The state agency responsible for reviewing and approving retention schedules has reviewed the District's proposed policy. Mr. Ketchum clarified the difference between record retention and record access.

Chair Anderson opened the floor to a motion to accept the District retention policy. Commissioner Miron made a motion, Commissioner Conley seconded. In discussion, Commissioner Miller asked if documents could be stored on the cloud or if they had to be physical copies. Mr. Ketchum said he would follow up and confirm the answer to that. By roll call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Anderson invited MMCD Lobbyists Peg Larsen and Kim Scott to provide an update. Ms. Larsen said that most attention is on the upcoming primary election. Republicans are at a crossroads about who they want to support – Kendall Qualls was endorsed by the party, but the President endorsed Mike Lindell. The DFL is concerned about socialists in the party and the Minnesota Senate primary is one of the most expensive ever. Ms. Scott said primary day is August 11th and the main issues people are talking about include fraud and the cost of healthcare. Many of the tight local races are the same tight races from the past several election cycles. Ms. Scott stated that the District is working on waste tire legislation. Staff is presenting to the Solid Waste Administration and there will be a meeting setup with Liberty Tire. Legislature comes back into session January 12th. Commissioner Heinrich asked if there were any updates on the nuclear power moratorium. Ms. Scott said there was a proposed study, but it did not pass. Chair Anderson thanked Ms. Larsen and Ms. Scott for the presentation.

Chair Anderson invited Business Office Manager Jennifer Macchia for the Auditor Presentation. Ms. Macchia introduced Andy Hering of Redpath to present the findings of the audit. Mr. Hering said the audit was completed on May 7th using generally accepted auditing standards. The auditors did not find any material misstatements. There were no internal control findings or legal compliance findings. Commissioners felt this news was worthy of applause. Mr. Hering continued that Redpath reviewed required communications and accounting estimates and there were no corrected misstatements or large adjustments. There were no difficulties performing the audit and it was categorized as a "clean audit." Again, there was much applause from the commissioners present. Commissioner Heinrich asked if MMCD was regulated the same as counties with where we are allowed to invest. Mr. Hering said that is correct, the District is limited from "risky" investments. Commissioner Meisner stated that with all the fraud coverage in the state, this clean audit is good news. Chair Lisa Anderson said this is credit to the work that Daniel Huff, Maria Mancilla-Diaz, and Jennifer Macchia are doing. Ms. Macchia wanted to ensure her team received credit as well including Piper Romfo and Sam Peterson. Yet another round of applause occurred. The joy in the room was palpable. Chair Anderson thanked Mr. Hering for the presentation.

Chair Anderson invited Executive Director Daniel Huff to deliver the Executive Director report. Mr. Huff gave credit to the team effort that went into the audit and said that next year's budget includes an accountant which will allow for separation of duties. Mr. Huff thanked commissioners for their support of the budget. The season this year has been dry, but staff have still completed more than 120,000 acres of treatments. Mr. Huff expressed appreciation for accepting the construction bids and stated that MMCD will have a modern PCR lab. MMCD conducted a morale survey with staff this year and Mr. Huff stated that the results were low. The HR team is actively working to address the concerns and several meetings have been held already. Mr. Huff recognized Monte Ebbesen who will be leaving at the end of July to pursue a graduate degree in Austin, Texas. Field Operations Supervisor Andrea Lectka from the Maple Grove facility has been called to active duty in the Navy Reserves and will be leaving for up to 2 years. Mr. Huff also acknowledged that the video Mosquito Bite Games won an award for Public Health video of the year.

Chair Anderson thanked Mr. Huff for the presentation and opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Halvorson stated that the morale survey is concerning and asked if Commissioners could receive updates along the way. Commissioner Miller seconded the request for regular updates on staff morale and stated it is important to ensure there is adequate support for staff when change happens.

Chair Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Miller made the motion, Commissioner Anderson seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27AM.

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Presented by:

Kim Scott & Peg Larsen

Informational:

Legislative Update

With the primary elections behind us, the top of the ticket is confirmed with the contest set between Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Speaker Lisa Demuth. As of this date, Mike Lindell has not yet conceded and has suggested that there may have been fraud in the election, election fraud being an argument that Lindell has ample experience making. Interestingly, on a recent drive up north after the primary, many Lindell signs could still be seen, but one thing that is becoming apparent is that you cannot trust the number of signs or polls to forecast the election results.

Other primary election surprises included Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan not just defeating Rep. Angie Craig, but beating her by a huge margin in and out of the metro. Also, GOP state Sen. Paul Utke, from Park Rapids, was ousted by one of his House-mates—Rep. Mark Wiener; Utke went to bed thinking he had won and awoke to the news that he, in fact, lost after another 1,400 votes were reallocated due to a “processing error” in Todd County.

As intense as this primary season has been, campaigns are gearing up for an even more intense November general election.

Regarding tire waste legislation, we met with the Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Liberty Tires Recycling. Comm. Workman and several members of MMCD staff joined the meeting. Liberty presented information on several models for tire waste policy that have been implemented in North America. Liberty’s preferred method is to have a free market program with strong enforcement—along the lines of collecting about \$1 per tire and depositing the funds into a dedicated fund. The fund would go towards tire related work, e.g., enforcement staff, cleanups for local governments, or research grants. Liberty has been a good partner, thus far, and it will be helpful to have industry in agreement with whatever proposal is brought before the legislature. Our next step is to work with Liberty to get an idea drafted and bring it before the subcommittee for input.

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Presented by:

Daniel Huff

Informational:

Introduce New Full-Time Staff Members

Background:

MMCD has hired two new full-time staff members who have begun work in the past several months.

Dr. Zoe Hansen is the new MMCD Vector Specialist.

Kayla Malone is the new Public Affairs Assistant/Receptionist

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Presented by:

Caleb Corona

Informational:

Bat boxes at MMCD with support from Girl Scouts

Background:

While we prioritize protection of the residents of the 7-county metropolitan area from the bite of multiple arthropod pests, we also feel that being an environmentally conscious organization is vastly important. Part of this mission for sustainability has led us to develop better ways to utilize our properties around the area to benefit the overall environment.

In 2026, we made an effort to provide homes for some of our local residents, in the form of bat boxes. Some species of bat have become less common in the surrounding areas due to a combination of factors such as white-nose syndrome, and habitat loss. One way to help out these struggling populations is to provide bat boxes for potential colonization.

We partnered with Nina Penniman and Sommer Riedi from a local Girl Scout troop to accomplish this task. Nina and Sommer put together three gorgeous bat boxes that were then installed at our Jordan MMCD facility through the hard work of several MMCD staff.

MMCD has asked Sommer and Nina to join us today to be formally recognized by our organization.

Nina and Sommer, the future residents of your bat boxes and MMCD would like to thank you for all of the effort you put in to provide these boxes!



METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Presented by:

Dr. Nancy Read, Data Systems Coordinator
Alex Dyakin, Field Operations Supervisor

Informational:

Metrics Dashboard and Key Performance Indicators

Background:

MMCD has an extensive Enterprise Data System that supports field and lab operations, customer calls, daily material inventory and helicopter treatment direction and tracking. Staff have developed a new Metrics Dashboard that makes it easier to access and summarize current data and put it in a multi-year context. Like the dashboard in a car, the metrics dashboard allows for a quick and easy review of work being completed by MMCD staff and the District's progress towards Strategic Plan goals. Results can also assist in annual planning and budget preparation. The Metrics Dashboard is being tested this year for internal use, with the hope of creating an online dashboard available to the public next year.

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Presented by:

Maria Mancilla-Diaz

Informational:

Language Line

Background:

We recently launched Language Line, a new tool that gives staff across MMCD easy access to interpreting and translation services. This resource supports MMCD's mission by helping us communicate clearly and effectively with the diverse communities we serve throughout the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. A demonstration of Language Line will be provided at the meeting.

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Presented by:
Daniel Huff

Informational:
Executive Director's Report

After two very wet summers, this season has been a welcome relief for our crews. Fewer summer rainstorms mean fewer broods of floodwater mosquitoes and less time dipping and flying to prevent a hatch. This has allowed us to focus on work that got pushed aside the past couple of years, including increased vector surveillance and control and evaluation of new products.

Dr. Caleb Corona has led field trials of three new products. The first is a new formulation of Spinosad developed by the manufacturer based on our feedback. Spinosad treats for about 30 days in the water and is certified for use on organic farms. Field Operations Supervisors (FOS) Joe Elling and Rosa Mueller trialed the product using ground and drone applications.

In partnership with the CDC Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, we tested field application of an adulticide that uses plant essential oils in place of synthetic compounds. FOS Rosa Mueller, Abbey Novotny, and Dan Stith assisted with this trial, along with our first CDC-COE VBD fellow, Haley Anderson. We are also testing a new adulticide formulation designed to effectively treat permethrin-resistant adult mosquitoes. Both of these adulticidal options, if proven efficacious, would provide key additional tools in our toolbox.

Dr. Jordan Mandli and the Vector Crew have been following up in areas of the District with high disease risk. Last year, a child in the City of Victoria was infected with La Crosse encephalitis virus. This dangerous and sometimes deadly disease primarily affects young children.

In recent years, district staff have been met with resistance in our efforts to eliminate breeding sites for the mosquitoes that transmit La Crosse encephalitis. This year, the team partnered with cities to conduct additional outreach, including presentations to City Councils. While some neighbors are still resistant to our efforts, the team has been better received this year.

Field staff have also been able to increase their public outreach at events throughout the District this year. They are now shifting to cattail treatments, with the goal of expanding treatments this fall.

A drier season means lower spending on helicopters, overtime, and materials. This allows us to increase cattail treatments this fall, purchase additional drones, and make up for unexpected cost increases in fuel and new vehicles. Adjustments we made to our annual operating budget based on the 10-year average rainfall have helped balance spending between last year's deficit and this year's potential surplus.

Business Administrator Maria Mancilla Diaz and Facilities Manager Tim Stich have been busy preparing for our upcoming capital projects. We have contracted with MOCA to serve as our owner's representative and help manage the many logistics of these projects. Contracts with the two construction firms are being finalized. Work will have begun by our next full Commission meeting. The lab crew is busy cleaning out and digitizing old files as they prepare to vacate the facility over the winter months.

Before the lab remodel starts, we are remodeling the second floor of the St. Paul facility. This will allow all administrative staff to have offices upstairs and make better use of our available space. It will also create additional laboratory capacity downstairs and prepare us to welcome MELSA next spring.

We continue our culture work within the District. This winter, we plan to launch a leadership development program for managers and supervisors. Special thanks to Vice Chair Lisa Anderson for her assistance in scoping out this work.

Kim Scott continues her work on tire disposal. Commissioner Workman joined us for a meeting with lobbyists from Liberty Tire to discuss how different states deal with waste tires. Alex also presented on the public health concerns associated with tires to the AMC Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

I have enjoyed meeting with many of you for coffee to discuss the District and our work toward the Strategic Plan. My goal is to meet with each of you by year's end.

I also continue to enjoy getting out into the field. I joined Jake Kirkman (FOS Plymouth) and technician Josh Livon for drone work. Janet Jarnefield took me on the mammal trapping route where I got to collect ticks from a mouse's ears. As always, I am impressed by the knowledge and skill of MMCD staff.



Josh Livon and I set up a drone.



Dr. Caleb Corona transfers live mosquitoes for a field trial



Janet Jarnefeld skillfully picks tick larvae from a chipmunk.



I try my hand collecting ticks from a white-footed mouse.

Departmental Updates

Field Operations

Jon Peterson, Assistant Director

Drought conditions have continued into August. Although the metro received significant rainfall of 1 to 3 inches on July 31 and August 1, the precipitation was not sufficient to improve the dry conditions in the wetlands. As shown in Figure 1, portions of the metro remain in severe, moderate, and abnormally dry drought categories, with the most severe conditions occurring in the eastern part of the District.

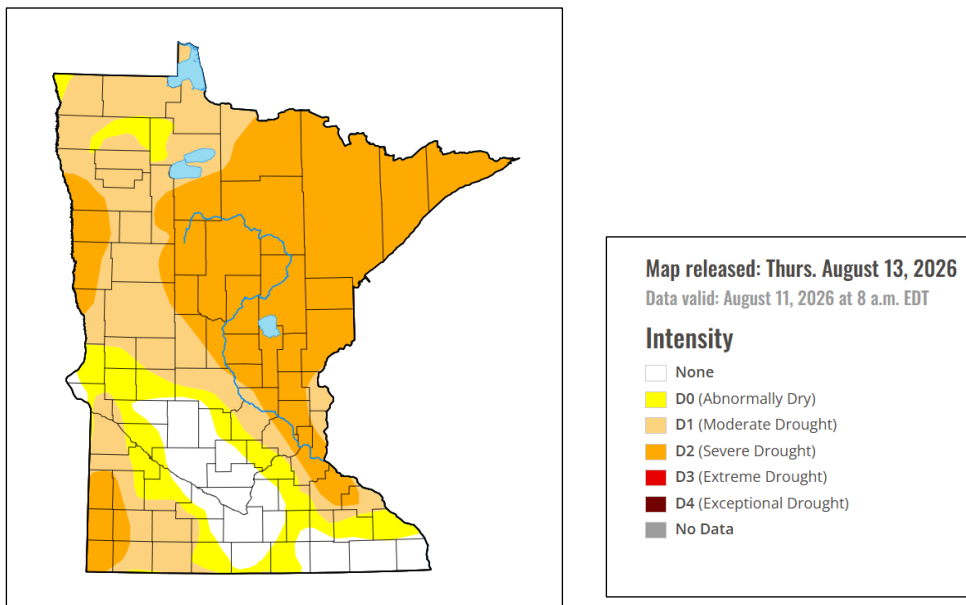


Figure 1. [Current drought conditions state of Minnesota](#)

Over the last month, we have treated approximately 10,000 acres by helicopter. These treatments were conducted primarily in response to the rainfall received on July 31 and August 1. Overall, helicopter treatments in 2026 remain significantly lower than they were in 2025. By this point in August 2025, we had treated approximately 200,000 acres.

We have helicopter preflight treatments scheduled for the week of August 17 in the core area of the District. These treatments are intended to provide coverage in the event of rainfall in September, when our focus will shift to cattail inspections. Figure 2 shows the total number of acres treated by helicopter over the past 10 years.

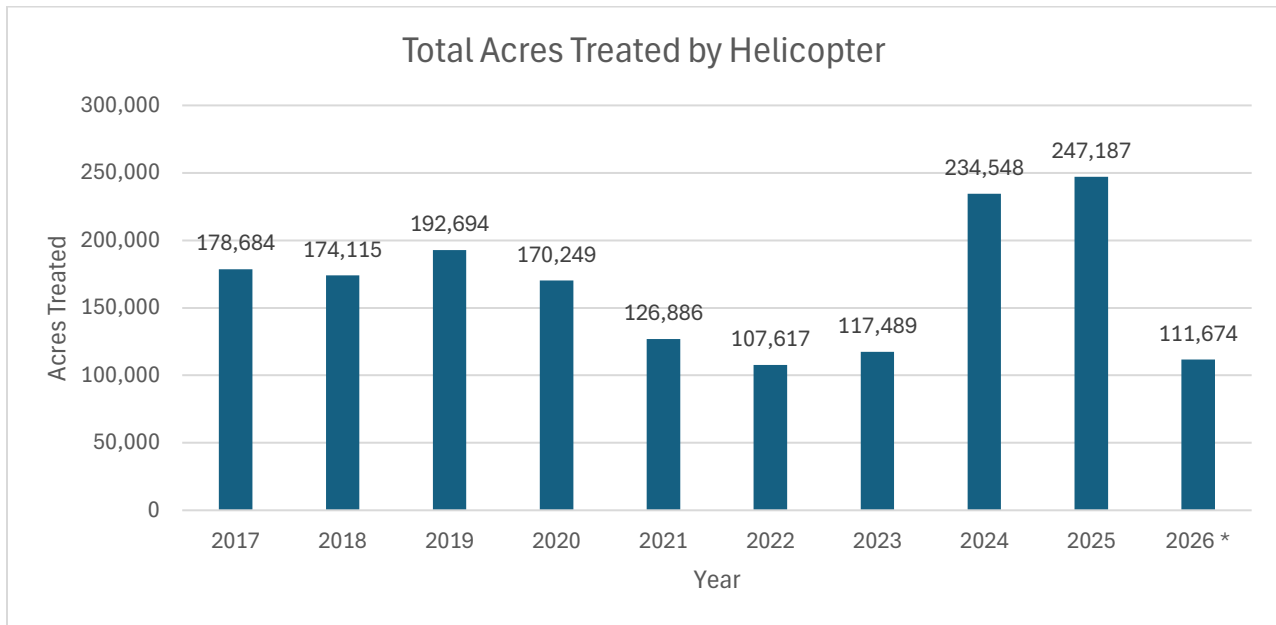


Figure 2. Total acres treated by helicopter per year (*2026 total is year to date).

Drone treatments continue to play an increasingly significant role in our operations. To date, we have treated more than 5,800 sites, totaling over 11,000 acres (Figure 3). Compared to the same point in 2025, we have treated approximately 2,000 more acres this season. Staff are looking forward to expanding drone-based treatments this fall when we begin targeting cattail mosquito habitat.

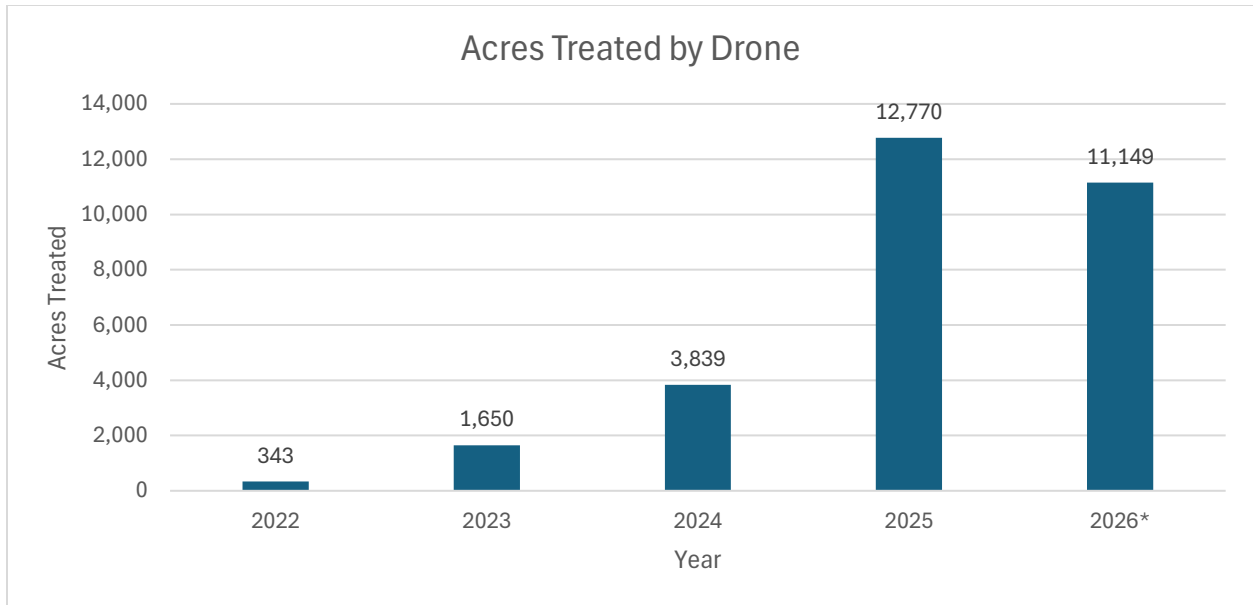


Figure 3. Total acres treated by drone per year (*2026 total is year to date)

Field staff inspect and treat many wetlands and structures by hand each year. This season, they have inspected more than 67,000 wetlands and structures and have treated over 15,000 acres through ground operations. Figure 4 shows the total acreage treated by ground operations over the past five years.

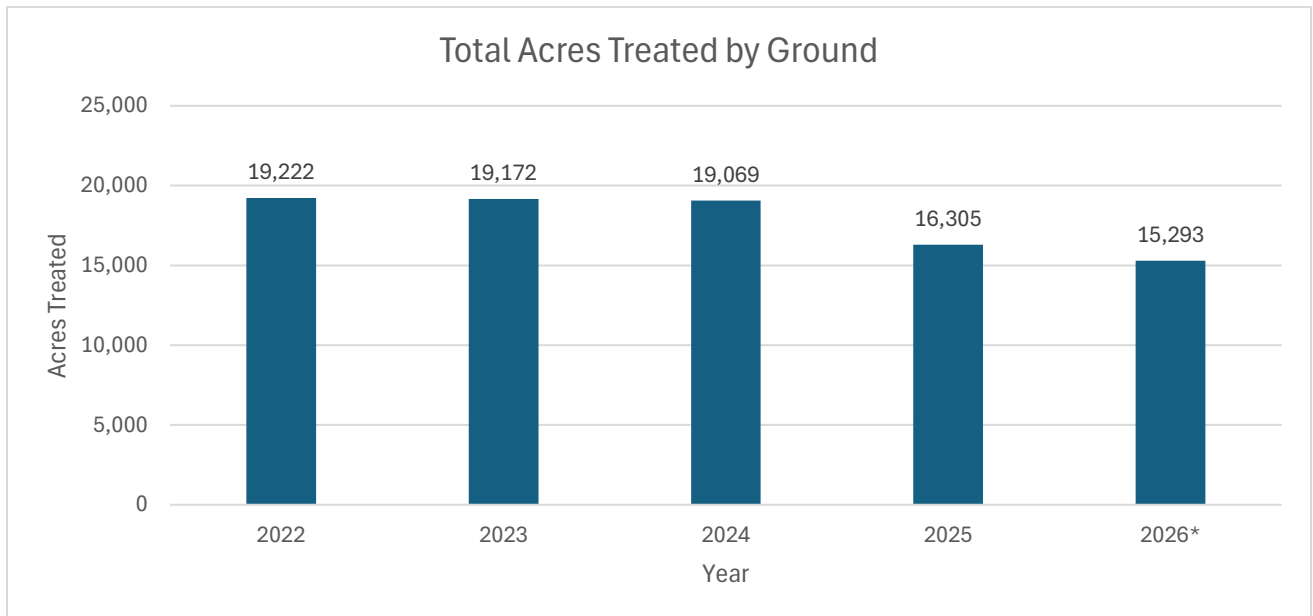


Figure 4. Total acres treated by ground per year (*2026 total is year to date)

Staff have continued to focus on and conduct activities that help suppress mosquito-borne disease, including treating catch basins and structures and removing tires. Their efforts have been successful, as the number of disease-positive mosquito samples has remained low. To date, we have treated 178,280 catch basins (Figure 5).

From the end of August through the middle of September, each facility will host an additional tire collection event. The removal of these waste tires will further support mosquito disease suppression efforts.

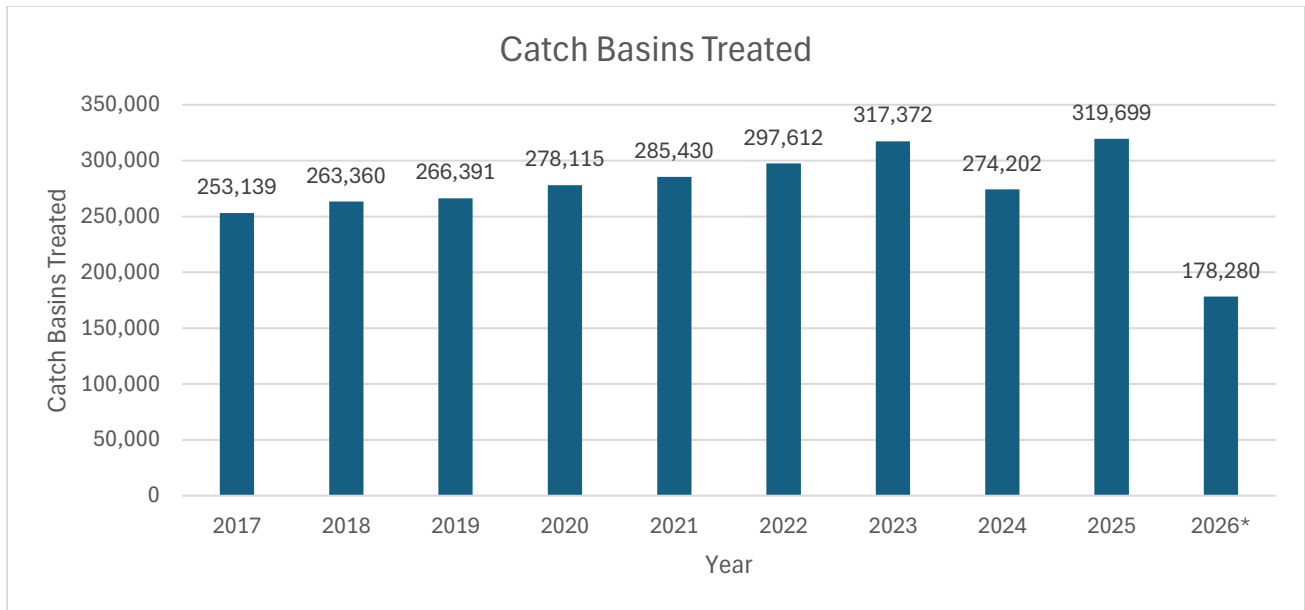


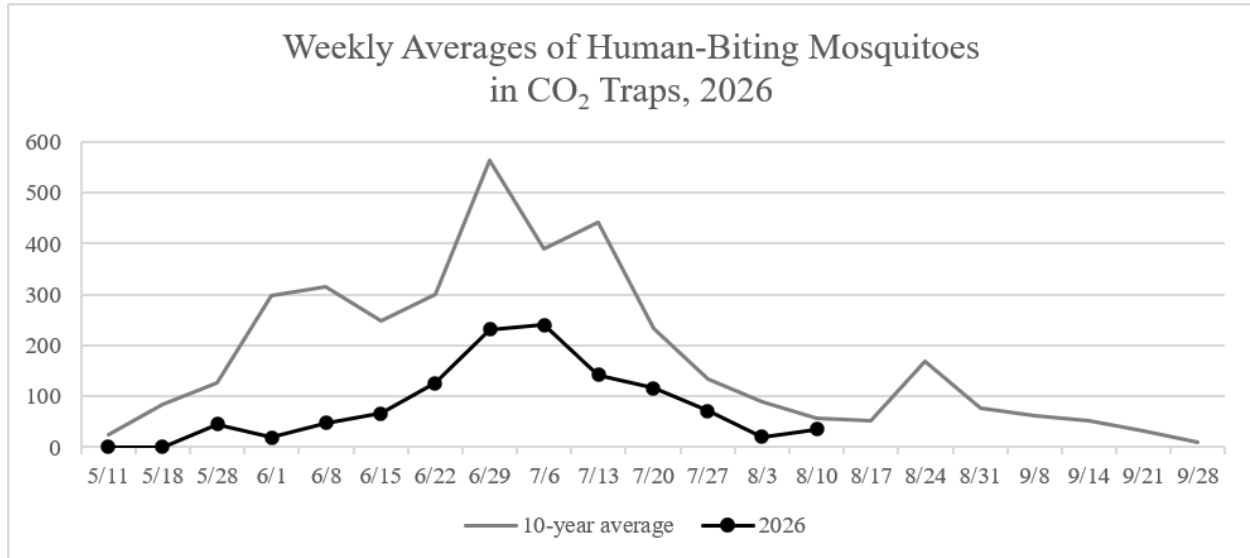
Figure 5. Total catch basins treated per year (*2026 total is year to date)

As we approach September, we continue to lose staff as seasonal technicians return to school. To date, approximately thirty seasonal technicians have resigned. Beginning in September, the remaining staff will shift their focus to inspecting for cattail mosquitoes. This work will continue through early October. By the end of October, all seasonal operations will be complete, and we will begin planning for the 2027 season.

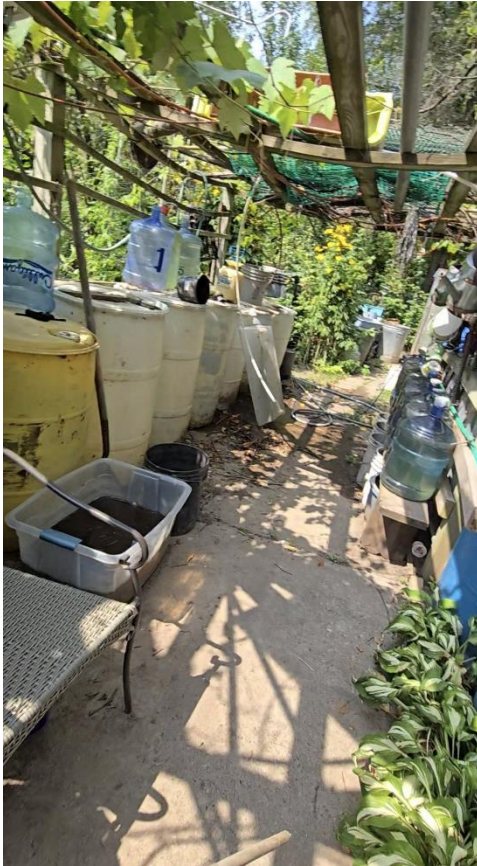
Entomology Lab

Dr. Scott Larson, District Entomologist

The extremely dry summer and the successful mosquito larvicide treatments (especially the preemptive cattail mosquito treatments) have really suppressed mosquito abundance this season. Here is a graph showing the human-biting mosquito populations compared to the 10-year average:



At no point in 2026 did mosquito numbers surpass the 10-year average. We had a particularly slow start to the year and the expected peak around the Fourth of July was only about half of what we normally collect. Dry conditions negatively impact most mosquito species, but there are a few that do just fine. Namely, the *Culex* mosquitoes which can transmit West Nile virus and some of the other container breeders. These mosquitoes don't need to rely on "natural" habitats and are tolerant of polluted and highly organic water, so nearly any stagnant water source is suitable breeding habitat. Here are some photos of a resident inadvertently creating mosquito habitat as they attempt to collect rain water:



August is the month when we start to lose some of our seasonal employees. The Tick Tech, Nickie, and Haley, the fellow from the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-borne Disease, will both end their employment on August 28th. Adult mosquito surveillance typically ends in mid-September as the temperature drops, and we are adequately staffed until the start of October. Unless we receive a substantial amount of rain in the next few weeks, the mosquito populations will continue to dwindle until the fall.

Public Affairs

Alex Carlson, Public Affairs Manager

County Fair and State Fair Season

The summer always wraps up with visits to various county fairs and culminates with the Minnesota State Fair at the end of August. Staff have appreciated seeing commissioners at the various events throughout the year and we always encourage members of our board to invite MMCD to attend the events happening in your community! Here are all of the events we've done or will do in August:

- July 29th – August 2nd – Washington County Fair
- August 2nd – Canadian Days Parade in Little Canada
- August 4th – Night to Unite Events in St. Francis, Nowthen, and West Lakeland Township
- August 6th – Bug-ology Course at Sally Manzara Nature Center in Lake Elmo

- August 6th – Empire City Celebration
- August 7-9th, 14-16th – Game Fair in Ramsey
- August 8th – New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade
- August 10-16th – Dakota County Fair
- August 11th – St. Croix Montessori Summer Camp
- August 11th – West St. Paul Safety Camp
- August 12th – Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Mounds View Safety Camp
- August 12-16th – Carver County Fair
- August 15th – Heritage Days Parade in St. Paul Park
- August 15th – Vadnais Heights Days Parade
- August 15th – Rice and Larpenteur Block Party
- August 22nd – AV8 Helicopter Expo in Eden Prairie
- August 26th – Brooklyn Park Safety Camp
- August 27th – Concert in the Park in Shorewood
- August 27-September 7th – Minnesota State Fair
- August 30th – Woodbury Days Parade

MMCD in the News

MMCD was featured on the front page of the Sunday Star Tribune at the end of July with the headline “You’re not imagining it. There are fewer mosquitoes in Minnesota this summer.” [Check out the story!](#)

Mosquitoes in the News

[The ticks are winning](#) – Danielle Hewitt and Sean Rameswarm, Vox, July 24th, 2026

- Story about the explosion in alpha gal syndrome spread by the lone star tick and steps humans can do to prevent it.

[Polk County horse contracts West Nile virus](#) - Michael Crusan, Minnesota Board of Animal Health, August 14th, 2026

- The Board of Animal Health reports that a horse tested positive for West Nile virus. So far this is the first case in any human or horse in what has been a low West Nile virus year.