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Vector Control Surveillance Technician

Seasonal Position (Approx. April – October)

Department: Surveillance / Operations

Supervisor: Vector Biologist / Operations Manager

Location: Central Oregon

Position Summary

The Vector Control Surveillance Technician is responsible for monitoring and documenting vector populations throughout the TRMVC area of operation, with a primary focus on mosquito larvae, frog egg masses, and adult mosquito activity. This position supports integrated vector management by identifying breeding habitats, assisting with control measures, and engaging with the public.

The technician will also conduct mosquito trapping and collection, and must be willing and able to perform larviciding and adulticiding (fogging) as needed. Strong communication and customer service skills are essential, as this role includes interaction with residents, responding to service requests, and promoting vector control services both within and outside our Contracted areas.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

Surveillance & Monitoring

- Survey, identify, and record:
 - Mosquito larvae habitats
 - Frog egg masses
 - Adult mosquito populations
- Conduct routine field inspections of standing water, wetlands, irrigation areas, and residential properties
- Accurately document findings using digital and/or paper reporting systems
- Maintain detailed records for mapping, trend analysis, and treatment planning

Trapping & Collection (Secondary Role)

- Set, monitor, and retrieve mosquito traps across the areas of operation
- Sort, handle, and prepare mosquito samples for identification and testing
- Assist with basic species identification (training provided)

Vector Control Operations

Integrated and Innovative Vector Management Strategies.



- Apply larvicides to identified breeding sites
- Participate in adult mosquito control (fogging) operations when required
- Assist with other control activities as directed by supervisors
- Follow all safety protocols and pesticide regulations

Customer Service & Public Interaction

- Respond to resident service requests and complaints
- Communicate clearly and professionally with the public regarding vector issues and control methods
- Educate residents on reducing breeding habitats around their property
- Conduct follow-ups to ensure service satisfaction

Sales & Outreach

- Promote TRMVC services to residents and businesses outside boundaries
- Identify opportunities to expand service coverage
- Support outreach efforts to increase community awareness and engagement

General Duties

- Complete daily activity logs and reports accurately
- Operate Company vehicles and field equipment safely
- Work independently in the field with minimal supervision
- Assist other staff with operational needs and special projects

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED
- Interest or background in biology, entomology, environmental science, or public health (preferred but not required)

Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Valid driver's license with a clean driving record
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Physical ability to:
 - Lift up to 50 lbs
 - Walk long distances over uneven terrain
- Ability to work flexible hours, including occasional evenings for fogging operations

Skills & Abilities

- Strong observational and data recording skills
- Ability to identify environmental conditions conducive to vector breeding (training provided)



- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
 - Customer service mindset with problem-solving ability
 - Self-motivated and capable of working independently
 - Comfortable using tablets, apps, or digital reporting systems
 - Willingness to learn pesticide application techniques and safety procedures
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Preferred Attributes

- Experience in fieldwork, pest control, or environmental monitoring
 - Sales or customer-facing experience
 - Knowledge of local ecosystems, wetlands, or irrigation systems
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Work Environment

- Field-based position with significant driving throughout the areas of operation
 - Combination of independent work and team collaboration
 - Regular interaction with the public
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Mission Alignment

The ideal candidate is motivated to support public health, reduce vector-borne disease risk, and contribute to a proactive, science-based vector control program while maintaining strong community relationships.