

Commissioners Court - Regular

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Meeting Date: 06/19/2013

City/County MOU - Aerial Spraying

Submitted By: Steve Waterman, Commissioners Court
Admin

Department: Commissioners Court Admin

Information

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County related to working collaboratively in determining whether aerial spraying should be used to combat the spread of the West Nile virus.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

With the onset of warm, humid weather, mosquitoes are starting to populate our area. The first case of the West Nile virus has been reported in Texas already this year. The City's Vector Control and the County's Vector Control departments trap and test mosquitoes to determine if there are any mosquitoes carrying the virus. In areas where positive test results are found, Vector Control does extensive spraying to combat the spread of the virus.

Last year some cities/counties employed aerial spraying due to the large number of West Nile cases in their areas. The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the City's and the County's intent to work together in unison in determining the need for using aerial spraying to combat the spread of the West Nile virus.

Attachments

MOU - Nueces County & City of Corpus Christi - Aerial Spraying

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN NUECES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2013 by and between Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi (the "City") and Nueces County (the "County") entered into a Reformed Cooperative Agreement To Operate A Public Health District (the Health District"), executed April 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the West Nile virus in recent years has infected citizens of the City and the County in greater numbers; and

WHEREAS, the trapping, testing and spraying of mosquitoes is the responsibility of the City's Vector Control and the County's Vector Control units; and

WHEREAS, in the event it becomes necessary to employ aerial spraying to combat the West Nile virus it would be advantageous for the City and the County to work collaboratively in combating, eradicating, and preventing the spread of the West Nile virus throughout the City and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and the County agree that should the Health District, through its Health Authority, make a formal request for increased spraying to combat the spread of the West Nile virus, the County Judge and City Manager will work together in unison with the Health District to determine whether the use of aerial spraying should be employed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this MOU on the respective dates under each signature.

NUECES COUNTY

Date: _____
SAMUEL L. NEAL, JR.
Nueces County Judge

Attested by: _____ Date: _____
DIANA T. BARRERA, County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

LAURA GARZA JIMENEZ, Nueces County Attorney

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Date: _____
RON OLSON, City Manger

Attested by: _____ Date: _____
ARMANDO CHAPA, City Secretary

Approved as to form:

CARLOS VALDEZ, City Attorney