



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 3, 2026
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Appointment of Mike Griffith to the Mosquito Abatement Board

Recommendation: Council to adopt the Resolution appointing Mike Griffith to serve as the City of Colusa's representative on the Mosquito Abatement Board.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS: The Colusa Mosquito Abatement District serves both incorporated and unincorporated areas within Colusa County. In the past, the City of Colusa at some point in time participated in appointments to the Mosquito Abatement Board. It has been over 20+ years since the city has made such an appointment. The appointment is to ensure representation of city interests in matters related to mosquito control, public health, and environmental safety.

While appointments have historically varied based on district practices and local coordination, state law provides clear guidance on appointment authority for districts that include both incorporated and unincorporated territory.

California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 1, Article 3, provides the framework for appointments to mosquito abatement district boards. The code states:

"In the case of a district that is located entirely within a single county and contains both incorporated territory and unincorporated territory, the board of supervisors may appoint one person to the board of trustees, and the city council of each city that is located in whole or in part within the district may appoint one person to the board of trustees."

Because the Mosquito Abatement District lies entirely within Colusa County and includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas, the City Council of Colusa has the legal authority to appoint one representative to the Board of Trustees.

The Mosquito Abatement Board plays a critical role in protecting public health by controlling mosquito populations, monitoring disease vectors, and coordinating prevention and education programs. Having direct representation from the City of Colusa ensures that:

- City-specific concerns are communicated effectively.
- Coordination between the City and the District is strengthened.

- Residents' interests are represented in policy and operational decisions.

Mike Griffith has expressed a willingness to serve and brings experience, community knowledge, and a strong interest in public service. His appointment would continue the City's long-standing practice of participating in regional public health and safety efforts.

State law clearly authorizes the City Council to appoint a representative to the Mosquito Abatement Board. Appointing Mike Griffith will ensure the City of Colusa remains actively represented in district decisions that directly affect its residents.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution appointing Mike Griffith as the City of Colusa's representative to the Mosquito Abatement Board.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

Board appointment letter to City of Colusa