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PROPOSITION 36

City Clerk Reimche presented the following News Release concerning Proposition 36 that had been received from the San Joaquin County Mosquito Abatement District:

NEWS RELEASE

IMPACT OF PROPOSITION 36 TO MOSQUITO CONTROL IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin County Mosquito Abatement District have unanimously voted to oppose Proposition 36.

If proposition 36 passes, the San Joaquin County Mosquito Abatement District will be financially out of business. The District provides mosquito control for the entire San Joaquin County, an area of approximately 1,446 square miles and a budget of \$1,600,000.00.

In November, 1981, the mosquito district held an election that was called Measure "A" on the ballot, for a special tax for mosquito control which was passed by the 2/3 majority required by Proposition 13. In 1982-83, the district continued to receive augmentation money and did not implement Measure "A". Augmentation money is no longer available to the mosquito district, therefore, residents of San Joaquin County will be charged the special tax beginning in 1984. Proposition 36 will invalidate Measure "A" even though it was voted on and passed by the 2/3 majority margin. If the mosquito district is unable to use measure "A" monies they will be faced with greater than a 40% reduction in funds.

During the summer of 1984 the district had 44 employee's working, 18 permanent and 24 seasonal. The district will no longer be able to hire seasonal help and will be forced to terminate the majority of their permanent mosquito control technicians. The district will no longer have funds to spray for pest mosquitoes and will concentrate their efforts on the disease factors of malaria and encephalitis.

If Proposition 36 passes, the district will no longer have available manpower to answer mosquito complaints. By mid summer many areas such as recreational, residential and agricultural will be overrun by hordes of adult mosquitoes.

Residents of San Joaquin County will be forced to control their own mosquito problems around their homes.

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