

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**  
**FOR**  
**GRAND RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**

**September 19, 2018**

**I. HISTORY**

The Grand River Mosquito Control District (the District) is the successor to the Redlands Mosquito Control District formed on October 20, 1981 District Court action 86 CV 611 under the authority of Colorado Revised Statutes Section 32-1-101 et seq.

The original service area was approximately eight square miles between the Colorado River and State Highway 340 West of Grand Junction on the Redlands. In 1998 the District expanded to include the City of Fruita and increased in size to approximately 27 square miles. The largest expansion occurred in 2003 that included portions of the City of Grand Junction, unincorporated Clifton, Orchard Mesa and the Town of Palisade. In 2012 the District expanded to include additional portions of Grand Junction and the remaining area of the Redlands bringing the total area of the District to approximately 150 square miles and a population served of approximately 150,000. Each expansion was approved by voters within each area in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes Section 32-1-401. A map of the District boundaries and service area is attached as Exhibit A.

In 2014, the District constructed a new facility on a 2.4-acre site located at 531 Maldonado Street in Grand Junction. The facility includes a main office, training areas, mosquito identification laboratory, and locker rooms totaling 4,800 square feet. Additionally, the site includes a 14,000 square foot building used for vehicle storage and shop space. Lastly, the facility has a 1,600 square foot building with a loading dock; this facility is used for the inside storage of products that are purchased to control mosquito populations.

**II. SERVICES PROVIDED**

The District strives to improve the habitability and public health within the District's territory by suppression of nuisance mosquito populations. The District provides public education on mosquito-related issues and encourages citizens and visitors to participate in mosquito control through self-protection techniques. The District implements an integrated mosquito management program that includes surveillance by trapping adult mosquitoes and recording species and numbers of mosquitoes, locating possible breeding sites, routinely inspecting throughout mosquito season for larval stages of mosquitoes, and ongoing treating of breeding sites as needed. The District utilizes historic surveillance statistics and current field

conditions to develop thresholds and implement adult mosquito control strategies. Control strategies and subsequent treatments utilize regulatory and industry accepted standards and are applied in an environmentally conscious manner. The effectiveness of treatments and programs are also measured and recorded. The District will utilize available technology, including news media, web pages, geographical information systems, global positioning systems, and databases to communicate information to the public and to improve the safety and efficiency of its operations. The District works with public and private land owners to reduce breeding sites through source reduction and mitigation measures. All control measures and treatments are applied with the consent of the landowner. The District cooperates with the Mesa County Public Health based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the responsibilities of both agencies.

### **III. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This Statement of Purpose records the events that have occurred in the last 35 years since the inception of the District and consolidates all expansions and pertinent information in one place. The District's original purpose of suppressing nuisance mosquito populations remains unchanged with this amendment, though the service area of the District has expanded considerably as a result of voter approved expansion of the District. This Statement of Purpose is filed in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes, Sections 32-1-207 and 32-1-208.

### **IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The District is organized under the authority of Colorado Revised Statutes Section 32-1-101 et seq. and operates in compliance with the Colorado Local Government Budget Law. all applicable statutory and constitutional provisions. The District receives revenue from a property tax assessed to all properties within the District's boundaries. In 2018, the District reduced the mill levy by 4% from 1.513 to 1.452 mills and currently **has no debt**. The following budget reflects estimated revenue and expenditures in 2018.

#### **Revenue**

Property Tax Revenue	\$2,245,632
Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 200,000
Investment Income	\$ 10,000
Total Estimated Revenue	\$2,455,632

#### **Expenditures**

Operating	\$1,990,170
Capital	\$ 267,000
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$2,257,170

<b>Estimated Reserves</b>	<b>\$2,744,921</b>
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**EXHIBITS**  
**A**

**District Map**