

*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

**FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE FROM THE NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT ON THE ZIKA VIRUS**

## **ISSUE:**

The issue for City Council consideration is to receive an update by the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District on the Zika Virus and the ongoing efforts to control mosquito populations within the City.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council receive and file this report.

## **BACKGROUND:**

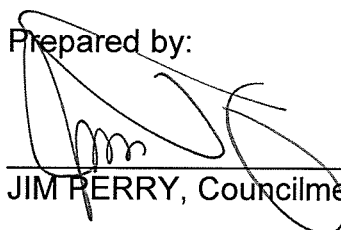
The Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) provides comprehensive vector control services throughout the City to protect the public health through identification, prevention and control of pests which carry and transmit infectious diseases. The Zika virus is transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes (yellow fever mosquitoes) and by *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes (Asian tiger mosquitoes). Although these mosquitoes are not native to California they have been recently found in an extremely small area of Riverside County. A mosquito can only transmit the Zika virus after it bites a person who has the virus. In California, Zika virus infections have been documented only in a few people who were infected while travelling outside the United States. A person with the Zika virus is not contagious and it is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person, or by breathing in the virus.

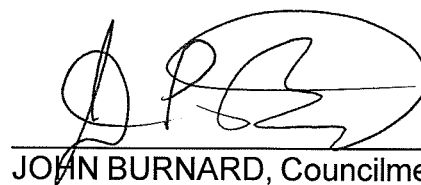
The District will provide an update on its efforts to protect area residents. A Fact Sheet prepared by the District can be viewed online (<http://www.northwestmvcd.org/Northwestmvcd/Zika.html>).

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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