

Effects of the 1998 El Niño event on mosquito and vector populations in Contra Costa County

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Populations of mosquitoes and other vectors during 1998, as estimated by trap counts and service requests, were compared with those in previous years to assess the impact of the 1997-98 El Niño event. Although rainfall was 233% of the 10-year average, the impact on vector populations was variable and less dramatic than had been anticipated.