

TC Report Mar-11, 2026

Legislative Policy Committee (Utah League of Cities and Towns)

As of last week there were 1010 bills introduced, more than any previous session:



Emergency Management

Town managers are preparing an Incident Command System training session for all Town employees. This is the first step in preparation for a tabletop exercise, which is a facilitated, discussion-based simulation where key personnel meet in a low-stress, conference-room setting to walk through a scripted emergency scenario. It tests existing emergency plans, roles, and communication procedures to identify gaps and strengthen response capabilities.

SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

Summary of the February 12 Board meeting:

- The District welcomed **5 new Board members** and still has **2 vacancies** to fill.

- **Officer roles were clarified and confirmed.**
- **Year-end finances (2025)** were reviewed: after amending the budget to **\$1,006,000**, the District finished with **\$25,589 remaining**. Total revenue was about **\$1,025,000**, including interest from the capital facilities fund.
- The Board discussed adding a **Health Department ex-officio member** (an epidemiologist) to provide public health expertise, similar to the value previously provided by an ex-officio entomologist.
- A scholarship applicant, **Annabel Anyang**, is developing an educational comic book—**“Southwest’s Most Wanted: Mosquitoes”**—to help engage and educate the community; members were encouraged to share scholarship info with interested students.
- **Pesticide purchasing plans** were reviewed, with **Sumilarv** as the biggest cost because it can remain effective in storm drains for **up to five months**, reducing repeat treatments and freeing staff for other priority areas; some inventory from last year remains.
- The **State of the District report** was presented, highlighting progress and priorities, including **GIS updates to the Aedes aegypti layer**, hiring a Public Education Administrator, and preparation for a **2025 full financial audit**.
- The meeting closed with recognition of two members: **Bart Merrill**, who passed away in January, and **Jay Sandberg**, who retired after **40 years** with St. George City.

See attached: 2026 State of the SWMACD

State of the District

Southwest Mosquito Abatement & Control District- as of February 2026

Purpose: To answer these three questions:

- 1- Where are we now?
- 2- What has been improved?
- 3- Where are we going?

Categories and Topics of discussion:

- 1- SWMACD Building/ Capital Improvements
 - a. Adding cabinets and counters with sink in shop.
 - b. Plans to replace carpeted floors in the office.
 - c. Landscaping improvements.
- 2- Vehicles
 - a. Possibly purchase 2 trucks (replace oldest which is the 2015 Silverado)
 - b. New motor in 2019 Silverado in 2025.
 - c. Topper for trucks with shorter bed.
- 3- Treatment systems
 - a. New products- Similar for catch basins & VectoBac WDG for WALs blower.
 - b. Resistance testing for adult mosquitoes.
 - c. 6.3 gallons total of adulticide used for fogging over 245 acres in 2025.
- 4- Surveillance
 - a. Sunrise GIS updates- Aedes aegypti layer improvements.
 - b. Hired Kirk Jones as the Public Education Administrator in January 2026.
 - c. Aedes aegypti found in St. George, Springdale, Santa Clara, Hurricane, and Washington.
- 5- Lab
 - a. 3 positive WNV mosquito pools and 0 positive SLE pools found in 2025.
 - b. Aedes aegypti reared to lay eggs for genetic testing.
 - c. Soil testing for Aedes aegypti.
- 6- Office
 - a. Added Full-time, benefited Public Education Administrator position.
 - b. Preparing for the full financial audit for 2025.
 - c. Miscellaneous office:
 - i. Fall conferences attended in 2025: UMAA, UASD, One Health.
 - ii. 2026 Spring conferences: WCMVCA, AMCA, RaHP VEC, UMAA spring workshop.
- 7- Education/training
 - a. 10+ STEM events planned.
 - b. 2 UTU student projects for better operational efficiency.
 - c. Annabel Anyang – comic book: Southwest Most Wanted.