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Council Department Report  
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## **TC Report May 13, 2026**

### **Utah League of Cities and Towns**

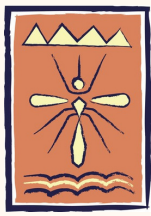
Attended the 2-day spring ULCT conference, along with the Mayor and Town Manager. More than 700 attended from towns and cities all over Utah. Breakout sessions attended included: Wildfire Resiliency, Water Policy Impacts, Southern Utah Caucus (focused mainly on water issues), AI automated decision-making in the public sector, and Truth in Taxation. Introduced to Genesis, an 'evacuation planning and notification' program, just launched by Washington County and available county-wide. Take a look at it here: <https://protect.genasys.com/search>

Here are some informative videos describing Utah's property tax system: [Property Tax Communication Resources](#)

### **Dark Sky Committee**

The May-4 Dark Sky advocacy meeting mainly focused on two issues: a proposed large data center in Iron County near Cedar Breaks and ongoing local efforts to improve dark-sky friendly lighting policies and practices. Springdale is planning a “Two Cents” public event focused on dark skies, functioning as a hands-on workshop where residents can bring questions about how to make their properties compliant, what fixtures to use, and what practical changes are needed.

Also discussed creating signs or stickers businesses and homeowners could display (“I am participating in dark sky conservation”) to raise visibility and normalize dark-sky practices. And considering a “dark-sky friendly business” program with clear lighting criteria (fully shielded fixtures, warm color temperature, reduced blue-light emissions, lower brightness) that could also be a youth or student project.



# SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

## APRIL 2026

### BOARD MEMBER NEWSLETTER

We hope you're enjoying the warmer spring weather and the chance to spend more time outdoors as the season changes. As things begin to pick up for us as well, here are some highlights of what we have been up to in the office and out in the field.



## MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Here are the trap numbers through April 15, 2026:

### Collections (adults):

- Total mosquitoes collected year-to-date- 2603 mosquitoes
- Comparison to last year- 669 mosquitoes

### Testing:

- Total vials tested year-to-date- 103
- Comparison from last year- 19
- Positive WNV/SLE pools to date- 0
- Comparison to last year- 0

### Service Calls:

- Total service calls to date: 26
- Comparison to last year: 1



Trap counts are currently higher than they were at this time last year. This increase appears to be driven by warmer temperatures from January through April, as well as a concentrated hatch at one specific site. We are taking steps to bring those numbers down.



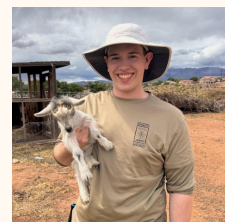
## AEDES AEGYPTI UPDATE

The Aedes aegypti team is working to prevent mosquitoes by visiting past residential sites, giving residents a heads up on what to look for, inspecting for larvae and standing water sources and pre-treating when possible. We are preparing for the UTXplore STEM day at Utah Tech University, on April 27th. Feel free to come by our booth and say hi!



## WHO'S NEW

We're pleased to welcome two team members this season, Chase Lindsey and Caden Iverson. Chase is currently being trained to support both the Aedes team and the field surveillance team, allowing us to utilize his skills across multiple areas. Caden Iverson is a returning seasonal employee who has been with us for several seasons; as a Washington City native, he brings valuable local knowledge and experience. We are happy to have them both on the team.



# CONFERENCE & MEETING UPDATES

A few of our team members recently traveled to Portland to attend the American Mosquito Control Association conference, where they had the opportunity to learn about new tools, research, and best practices being used by mosquito control districts across the country. The conference also provided valuable networking opportunities to connect with other professionals in the field. In addition, Sean attended the PacVec/RahpVec meeting in Salt Lake City. These regional meetings bring together vector control professionals to share research, coordinate efforts, and discuss strategies for managing mosquito populations and protecting public health. We will also be attending the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association spring workshop on May 8th and look forward to sharing more insights. We will have a lot to report at our May Board meeting.



## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Just a reminder, our next Board meeting is May 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at our District office. You will be able to join us in person or online through Google Meet. We should have a lot to catch up on then. As always, thank you for your service to the Board.

