**Bill NUMBER: ASSEMBLY BILL 741**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Bill 741 by Assembly Member Brown proposes to amend the current Tax Equity Allocation (TEA) formula and would, commencing with the 2012-13 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, increase the allocation of property tax revenues under a new TEA formula for qualifying cities.

The sponsor of AB 741 is the city of Fontana and the intent of the bill is to increase the amount of property tax revenue to Fontana and cities similarly situated with low property tax allocations, to over three fiscal year receive approximately 15 percent of the county-wide property tax, with those revenues shifted from counties and special districts to each qualifying city.

The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California opposes AB 741 for the following reasons:

Mosquito and vector control districts rely almost exclusively on the property tax to provide their public health and safety services to the citizens of California;

Mosquito and vector control districts continue to shift millions of property tax dollars annually to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF):

Prior the elimination of redevelopment agencies, mosquito and vector control districts shifted millions of dollars (property tax increment)to redevelopment agencies within their jurisdictions, property tax increment that could have been utilized for their local priorities, including, but not limited to, the on-going efforts to combat West Nile Virus and other mosquito and vector-borne diseases.

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