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Re: Waste Tire Amnesty Events

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DISCUSSION:

The County's Zika Response Plan includes provisions to help residents eliminate or reduce the presence on mosquito breeding sites around their homes. Residents who retain used tires outside their homes are providing an excellent breeding ground for mosquitos. Staff has developed a Waste Tire Amnesty Program that will significantly reduce the number of waste tires that are a primary breeding area for mosquitos. The program establishes four (4) consecutive Saturday amnesty events the first month and then a single Saturday Tire Amnesty event for each following month during the county's active mosquito breeding season, March thru October of each year.

Residents would be allowed to dispose of five (5) car or light truck waste tires per car at no cost at the Santa Rosa County Central Landfill and would be required to show proof of residence in Santa Rosa County. Funding for disposal of tires collected would be through the Environmental Department Enterprise Fund and the program would remain in effect until cancelled by the board.

Commercial operations are excluded from the program and should dispose of waste tires in accordance with state and federal guidelines as part of their normal business practices.

BACKGROUND:

In response to the Zika Virus outbreak, staff has developed a Zika Respond Plan that provides a number of options for dealing with a Zika outbreak as well as other mosquito borne diseases. The primary method to reduce the occurrence of mosquito borne disease outbreaks is to reduce the breeding habitat for mosquitos. *Aedes aegypti,* the only know carrier of the Zika Virus breeds in areas of stagnant water in container such as tires, toys, ornamental ponds, flowerpots and piles of wet leaves on the ground or in gutters. The most cost effective method to reduce mosquito populations and potential disease outbreaks is to eliminate or treat areas of standing water.

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED:

That the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Environmental Department to implement a Waste Tire Amnesty Program for residents of Santa Rosa County that allows residents to dispose of a limited amount of waste tires during the county's active mosquito breeding season.