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I prefer to reduce to absolutely the minimum necessary or eliminate the spraying altogether. You are messing with a vital food source in the food chain of our ecosystem and it makes me very uncomfortable. Plus, no one understands the 50 or 100 year impact of this pesticide application. If you cannot stop spraying, then adjust the plan and refrain from spraying in all wildlife habitats, on public and private lands. I understand that West Nile is transmitted from Bird to Mosquito to Human, but I don't agree that this justifies spraying in fragile areas like the Yolo Wildlife Basin.

It is my opinion that the wiser longterm solution is to invest in educating the public and providing yard by yard based solutions for homeowners and businesses like pheromones to attract mosquitos to traps you set up, using plants in the yard that mosquitos avoid, or using essential oil based repellents.

Are my ideas cost effective? Maybe not.

Can you put a price on choosing not to poison our surface and potentially our groundwater or causing a destructive ripple effect by trying to eliminate a vital part of the ecosystem?

I don't want people to get sick from any mosquito borne diseases like West Nile, but I also think there are too many humans and not enough protection for our wildlife and wild spaces.