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Mosquito spread

The disease-bearing insects appear to be gaining immunity from insecticides, thriving with the valley's urbanization



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By Spencer Levering
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NOT all insects can survive Las Vegas' harsh summer heat, but an increasing number of mosquitoes are thriving in the Las Vegas Valley — and building immunity to pesticides.

Pesticides can reduce insect populations, but in areas around golf courses in Summerlin and Henderson, efforts to eradicate mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are proving ineffective, according to Trishan Wickramasinghe with UNLV's Parasitology & Vector Biology Laboratory.

While his latest research is not complete, he said he's run several tests that show some species often survive pesticides, even at concentrations 100 times greater than the standard use.

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Trishan Wickramasinghe examines a jar with mosquitoes during an experiment Tuesday at a UNLV lab.

County toughens code for public works bids

Conflict probe as manager on leave

By Mary Hynes
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Clark County is strengthening its protocols for awarding multimillion-dollar public works contracts as it continues to investigate claims of a conflict of interest in its construction management division.

According to documents obtained by the Las Vegas Re-

view-Journal through public records requests, the county has begun to implement changes that include requiring employees evaluating firms bidding on public works contracts to receive ethics training and to disclose conflicts of interest with responding firms, their partners, subconsultants or employees.

The documents also describe an expanded role for the purchasing department in administering public



Jimmy Floyd

works contracts.

The changes come during an ongoing probe into claims of impropriety that include a conflict of interest in the county's December awarding of a \$10 million construction management contract to a team with the wife of the manager of the construction management division. The manager, Jimmy Floyd, has been on paid administrative leave since May 22.

Floyd's wife, Raquel, is the

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owner of Rock Solid Project Solutions, a subconsultant that stood to gain \$1.5 million on a county contract with Diversified Consulting Services to manage the \$130 million Clark County 215 Beltway/Summerlin Parkway Interchange Project. Floyd was an evaluator on proposals for the contract and prepared the request for qualifications, the county said.

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