# The larval ecology of invasive *Aedes* notoscriptus in the San Gabriel Valley, CA

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#### San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

#### Population

- 26 cities and unincorporated LA County communities in San Gabriel Valley
- 1.5 million residents!

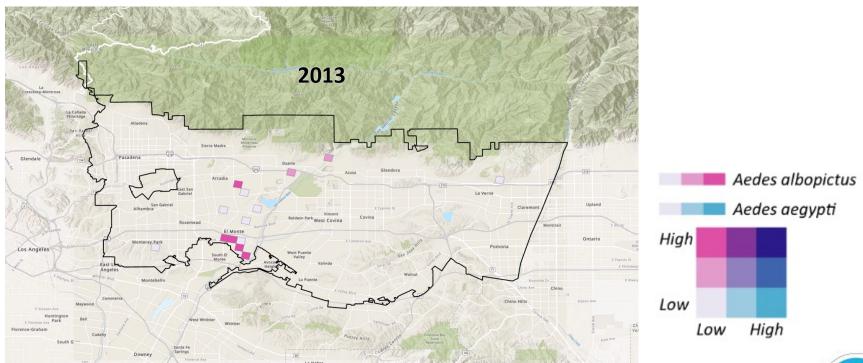
#### Size

• 287 square miles





# Invasive Aedes in the SGV





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  - DENV
  - CHIKV
  - Zika
  - YF
  - Nuisance biters

- Aedes notoscriptus
  - Barmah Forest virus
  - Ross River virus
  - Dog heartworm
  - Nuisance biter



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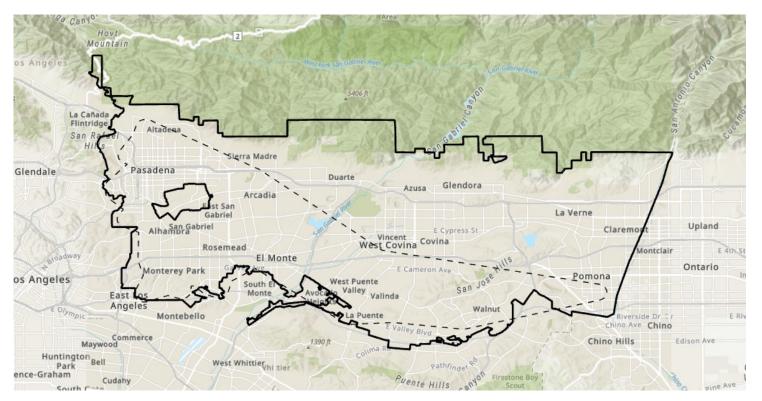
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Limited evidence of competency for Japanese encephalitis virus, Rift Valley fever virus, CHIKV, and YF

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# Aedes notoscriptus in the SGV





# Cryptic larval habitat







# Questions

- Does Aedes notoscriptus share larval habitat with Ae. aegypti and Ae. albopictus?
- Does Aedes notoscriptus utilize different oviposition strategies in areas with Ae. aegypti and Ae. albopictus?



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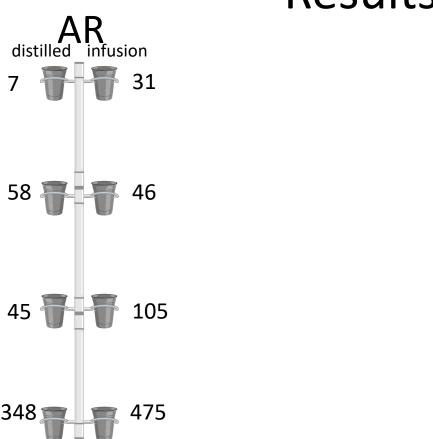
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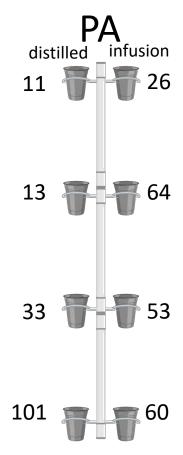
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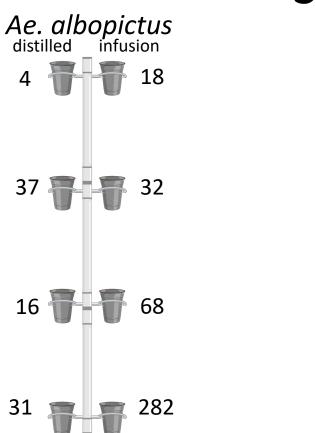
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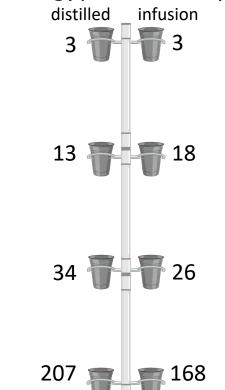




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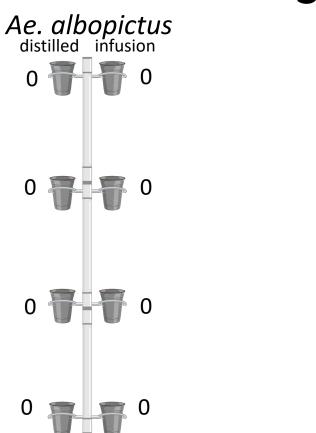


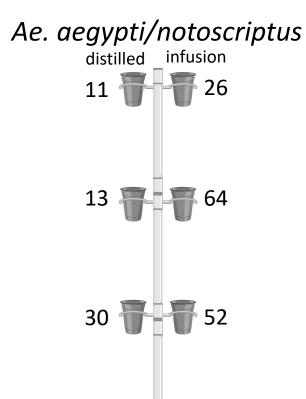
#### Ae. aegypti/notoscriptus





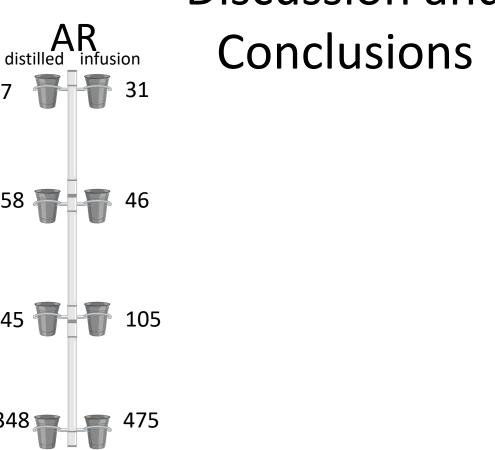
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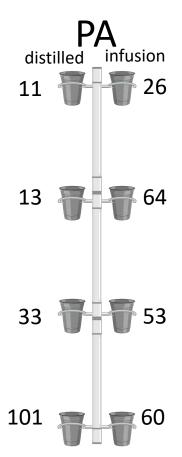






# Discussion and







# **Future directions**

#### Egg paper surveillance

- Develop a bamboo infusion recipe for wider use
- Expand rearing capabilities
  - Direct observation of Ae. aegypti and Ae. albopictus oviposition

#### Larval surveillance

- Increase surveillance of cryptic natural containers, especially in ornamental and landscaping plants
- Incorporate heightened surveillance of natural containers with existing surveillance of artificial containers found around residences



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- When together, do these species outcompete Ae. aegypti?

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- What effect does the presence of the one species have on the overall abundance and selection of larval habitat in the other?

What are the public health impacts of changing dynamics between invasive *Aedes spp*. in the San Gabriel Valley?

# Questions?







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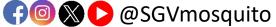
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