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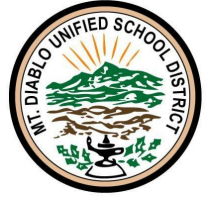
# Field Care Maintenance Plan

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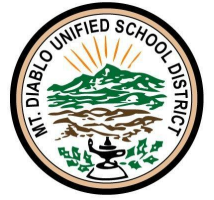
MDUSD Governing Board Meeting, March 22, 2023

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# Why are we here? (NEEDS)



- **Responding to the professional assessment in the FCMAT report regarding the condition of our Natural Turf Fields.**
- **Sharing our next steps to improve the condition of our Natural Turf Fields and necessary steps to eliminate risk factors.**
- **Next steps (Department follow up plan)**



# What is the plan?

- Assessment of the current rodent situation
- Agreements with outside Vendors
- Increase Critter Treatment
- Follow a systematic plan for turf care

# How do we Control the Rodents?

- Increase gopher/ground squirrel treatment
- Bait in Bait Boxes (Ground Squirrels)
- Bait in the Ground (Gophers)
- Support from Site Administration & Staff
- Support from Community

# Engage with outside vendors

- The District receives support for rodent and pest control management through several different outside support contractors
- We are receiving ongoing service from (2) vendors specific to grounds squirrel & gopher control

# Increase Critter Treatment

- We increased service in the Fall of 2022
  - 1x per month
- We are increasing service again April 1 2023
  - 2x per month service at each sites

# What are we using?



## Ground Squirrels

### Diphacinone Treated Grain

EPA Registration Number: 10965-50001

Description: A grain-based rodenticide

Treatment Plan: Installed in Bait Boxes

### Kaput® Ground Squirrel Bait

EPA Registration Number: 72500-24

Description: Ground Squirrel Bait

Treatment Plan: Installed in Bait Boxes



## Gophers

### Gopher Getter Type 2 Bait by Wilco AG

EPA Registration Number: 36029-24

Description: Pocket Gopher Bait

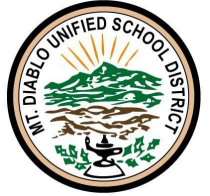
Treatment Plan: Subsoil Application Only

### Gopher Trapping



# What does it look like?

## Ground Squirrel Wilco Bait Stations





# How are we going to accomplish this?

- M&O will complete the service to control the rodent situation to improve the condition of the natural turf fields
- MDUSD Community Support is necessary - We will continue to be transparent of our plans

# Follow a systematic plan for Turf Care

## Steps for Turf Care:

1. Treat Critters ✓
2. Grading of the fields
3. Aeration and Fertilization
4. Putting down seed and compost
5. Give the fields periodic rest throughout the year

ANY QUESTIONS?