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MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT RECEIVES INNOVATOR AWARD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

ELK GROVE, Calif. – The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District will be one of eight organizations to receive the 2007 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Innovator Award from the Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR) during an awards ceremony tomorrow at the California Environment Protection Agency headquarters in Sacramento.

The District is recognized for developing and promoting effective methods for mosquito and other pest control that reduce the risks associated with using traditional chemicals and promotes a healthier environment. “We are extremely honored that our program received this distinguished recognition,” said David Brown, District Manager. “We work hard to utilize strategies that reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides and we are pleased that an agency such as DPR recognizes, validates and applauds our efforts”.

The District utilizes a comprehensive IPM mosquito control approach which includes public education and outreach to inform the public about mosquitoes, West Nile virus and other vector-borne diseases, surveillance of mosquito activity to guide control efforts, reducing mosquito breeding grounds by physically altering the environment, using natural predators such as mosquitofish to eat mosquito larvae and if needed, use of chemicals targeting both immature and adult mosquitoes.

“Our Innovators do more than comply with environmental rules and regulations,” said Mary-Ann Warmerdam, DPR Director. “They go the extra mile to create new pest management solutions that are environmentally friendly and cost-effective.”

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District provides year round mosquito and vector control services. The main goal for the District is to keep the public healthy by preventing the transmission of diseases and improving the quality of life for residents of Sacramento and Yolo counties.

District’s 7Ds of mosquito prevention:

DRAIN any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

DAWN and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors.

DRESS appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

DEFEND yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Make sure you follow label directions!

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition.

DISTRICT personnel are also available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022 or visiting the District online at FIGHTtheBITE.net.

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