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EARLY RAINS FOLLOWED BY WARM TEMPERATURES MAY BRING MOSQUITOES
-- District Reminds you to Drain After the Rain

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District reminds the public to “drain after every rain” to prevent mosquitoes! Wet weather followed by warm temperatures can create an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, so it becomes necessary to have good water management practices around the house. “The powerful storm brought a lot of rain and we urge all residents to inspect their homes and drain any water that might have collected in buckets, cans, flowerpots, old tires or any other container around their yard” said David Brown, District Manager. “Though mosquito activity had decreased in the last few weeks, rain and warm temperatures can certainly provide appropriate conditions for mosquitoes and we need everyone to do their part” said Brown.

The excessive rains of the past few days and the fall leaves have also clogged many street storm drains creating flooding problems throughout the area. Since mosquitoes often grow in wet storm drains, the District asks all residents to their use green waste containers for all garden materials. Using the containers will prevent mosquitoes from developing in the drains and will make for cleaner, safer streets. Homeowners should also inspect their roof gutters and ensure they are free of debris because this is another area where mosquitoes can breed.

To report sources of stagnant water or any other mosquito breeding problems, please call 1-800-429-1022 or you may also fill out a service request online at www.FIGHTtheBITE.net

Practice the District D’s of Mosquito Prevention:

DRAIN standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

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

DRESS appropriately be wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

DEFEND yourself by using an effective insect repellent. Make sure to follow label directions!

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition.

DISTRICT personnel are also available to address any mosquito problems. Call them at 1-800-429-1022 or visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net

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