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SAC-YOLO MOSQUITO CONTROL ANNOUNCES ECOLOGICAL MOSQUITO AWARD
--New Program Recognizes Innovative Way to Reduce Mosquito Populations

ELK GROVE, Calif. Match 31, 2008--- The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced the second annual Ecological Mosquito Management Award that recognizes individuals or entities that have successfully reduced mosquito production on their property through the use of non-pesticide practices. "We are very happy to recognize individuals making a difference and helping the District control mosquitoes to protect public health" said Joel Buettner, Ecological Management supervisor for the District. The purpose of this award is to promote widespread voluntary use of Mosquito Reduction Best Management Practices and to identify and reward leaders in the use of these methods in Sacramento and Yolo Counties.

One award will be given in each of the following three categories:

Agricultural:

This includes individual farmers who operate any type of agricultural production including all crops, irrigated pastures, dairies, livestock operations.

Urban:

This includes all agencies, entities or individuals that deal with urban mosquito breeding sources (e.g. storm water or wastewater systems, parks, residential pools, cemeteries, etc).

Conservation:

This includes all agencies, entities or individuals that deal with mosquito breeding sources related to habitat or conservation projects.

Nomination forms can be obtained online at www.FIGHTtheBITE.net or by calling the District at 1-800-429-1022. Deadline submission is May 1, 2008. All applications will be reviewed by District staff and winners will be announced during the Sacramento Educational Community Forum on May 29, 2008 at Oak Park Community Center.

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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