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MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK KICKS OFF

ELK GROVE, Calif. April 17, 2009--- The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced the event schedule for Mosquito and West Nile virus Awareness Week, April 19-25. In an effort to keep the community educated and informed, the District will participate in various events that include repellent distribution to local homeless shelters, Volunteer Day where residents from various communities will be disseminating mosquito and West Nile virus prevention information around their neighborhoods, participation in an Earth Day celebration and the announcement of the annual Fight the Bite calendar contest winners. "Mosquito Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity for our District to provide information to our communities about how they can protect themselves from mosquitoes and West Nile virus," said District Manager David Brown. "The weather is getting warmer, folks are enjoying the outdoors and they need to protect themselves because West Nile virus is here to stay."

WHO: The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District

WHAT: Event schedule for Mosquito and West Nile virus Awareness Week, April 19-25

WHEN: **Monday, April 20** —Official kick off of the Districts advertising campaign
Tuesday, April 2— Repellent Distribution to local homeless shelters (Loaves & Fishes and St. Johns Shelter for Women & Children in Sacramento and Cache Creek Lodge in Woodland)
Wednesday, April 22—Participation in an Earth Day celebration sponsored by the City of Sacramento
Thursday, April 23—Announcement of the annual Fight the Bite contest winners
Friday, April 24-- Volunteer Day! Various area residents and several Girl Scout Troops will be distributing mosquito and West Nile Virus information around their neighborhoods.
Saturday, April 25—Participation in the Winters Youth Day celebration

**** For photo opportunities and articles, please contact Luz Rodriguez at (916) 405-2082**

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.

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