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## SPRING 2009 FIGHT THE BITE CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced the winners for the 2009 annual Fight the Bite Calendar Page Contest for students in Sacramento and Yolo County grades K-12. In an effort to continue educating and informing the community, the contest encourages kids to use art and creatively design a page promoting the FIGHT the BITE theme to inspire everyone to practice any or all of the District 7 D's of Mosquito Prevention. "This annual contest has become very popular" said David Brown, District Manager. This year, the District received over 1000 entries from both counties. "We're very happy to see so many kids participating in the contest and expressing how they stay safe from mosquitoes and West Nile virus."

Students were divided into three grade categories: K-3, 4-8 and 9-12. The winning entries were based on: creativity, originality and the ability to effectively communicate one or more of the District D's of prevention. Winners in each division were determined by a panel of judges and will receive a cash prize and the opportunity to record a radio commercial that will be aired throughout the season. Winning entries will be made into a 2010 calendar and distributed at District events later this year.

### First place winners are:

**K-3** Karina Vasquez from Waggoner Elementary in Winters  
**4-8** Ivy Tillich from Witter Ranch Elementary in Sacramento  
**9-12** Kiefer Hackney from Pioneer High School in Woodland

\*For a complete list of winners in all categories please visit [www.FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://www.FIGHTtheBITE.net)

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.

### 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](http://www.FIGHTtheBITE.net)

DAVID BROWN, MANAGER

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