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## **SAC-YOLO MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT LAUNCHES A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY FORUMS**

**ELK GROVE, Calif.** April 8, 2008--- The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is launching a series of community forums to educate and inform the public about mosquitoes, West Nile virus and services the District provides. A total of eleven community forums will be offered during the months of April-June. "We're very excited to bring the District into each community and give residents the opportunity to come learn more about what we do and how we do it," said David Brown, District Manager. During these informal open house style forums, elements of the District's award winning Integrated Pest Management Plan will be highlighted. Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the public outreach and education campaigns utilized, how the Districts uses surveillance and research to track mosquito and West Nile virus activity, how residents can reduce mosquito breeding grounds by physically altering the environment, how natural predators are used to control mosquitoes and lastly how control measures can be utilized to target both immature and adult mosquitoes. "This season West Nile has arrived earlier than normal and we hope that residents will take advantage of this opportunity to get their questions answered," Brown said.

**WHAT: Galt Community Educational Forum**

**WHERE: Littleton Community Center**  
**410 Civic Dr.**

**WHEN: April 8, 2008**  
**6:30 pm-8:30 pm**

To see a complete listing of times, dates and locations for all educational forums 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.

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

DAVID BROWN, MANAGER

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