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FIREWORKS...SUMMER FUN...AND MOSQUITOES!
--Hot Temperatures Accelerate Mosquito Production Putting You at Higher Risk for West Nile Virus

Elk Grove, Calif. — Leisurely evenings walks, fireworks and family BBQ's are all activities many people may enjoy this holiday weekend, but the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District reminds the public that mosquitoes will also be out looking to bite and that proper precautions to avoid West Nile virus are necessary. "This weekend, many will be outside enjoying the fireworks and other activities around dusk when mosquitoes are most active," said David Brown, District Manager. "It is very important for everyone to protect themselves by wearing an effective mosquito repellent," said Brown.

West Nile virus activity is on the rise. Today, the District received notification of the first positive bird which was found in the Isleton area. Last week, a mosquito sample in Elder Creek and a sentinel chicken in Yolo County also tested positive for the virus. "WNV is in our area and all it takes is one bite from an infected mosquito to get the disease," said Brown.

Hot temperatures in recent days have accelerated the mosquito life cycle. All residents are urged to routinely check their yards and dump out any water where mosquitoes can develop. "In hot weather it only takes 7-10 days for mosquitoes to emerge as adults, this means that we may be seeing many more mosquitoes than usual and the need for repellent is greater," said Brown.

For current information about any treatments planned, please visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net. Residents may also subscribe to mailing lists to receive email notifications for mosquito treatments by zip code. To sign up go to Spray Notifications on the website.

Practice the District D's of Mosquito Prevention this holiday weekend:
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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