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## **HIGH MOSQUITO NUMBERS IN YOLO COUNTY** **-Smoky Skies Ground Planes That Treat Agricultural Areas**

Elk Grove, Calif. — The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced today that high mosquito numbers have been found throughout areas of Yolo County. District officials are concerned due to smoke filled skies that have prevented aerial treatments over agricultural areas to treat adult mosquitoes. “Planes have not been able to treat for 2 weeks now,” said David Brown, District Manager. “As a result, we are starting to see mosquitoes move into the urban areas and we want residents to be aware.” Bad air quality impairs visibility and under such conditions, planes are not able to conduct treatments. Though no West Nile virus activity has been registered in the county, the District would like to remind the public to remain indoors while bad air quality persists and take proper precautions against mosquitoes. “If residents are going to be out during dawn and dusk when there’s high mosquito activity, it’s important they wear long sleeves and pants or put on an effective repellent to avoid being bitten” said Brown.

District receives information on a daily basis regarding positive birds and mosquito samples. Currently, District officials are considering aerial treatments over high risk areas in South Sacramento. Smoky conditions have delayed spraying which could start as early as next week depending on air quality and weather conditions. For current information about any treatments planned, please visit [www.FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://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.

DAVID BROWN, MANAGER

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### **2008 West Nile virus activity update**

**Yolo County:** 0 dead birds, 0 sentinel chickens, 0 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

**Sacramento County:** 18 dead birds, 0 sentinel chickens, 38 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

### **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)