

# MEDIA ALERT

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## MORE MOSQUITOES INFECTED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS FOUND IN THE WILTON AND CARMICHAEL AREA OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

*--Mosquito Control Schedules Adult Mosquito Treatments By Truck-Mounted Foggers*

**ELK GROVE, Calif.** – The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) received preliminary confirmation today that four mosquito samples, three from Wilton and one from Carmichael have tested positive for West Nile virus. In response to the West Nile virus-positive mosquito samples, the District will continue to implement its Mosquito-Borne Disease Management plan to protect public health and welfare. This plan includes ground treatments where virus activity has been detected. Each fogging unit's output is calibrated to ensure the correct amount of product is applied for each treatment area. All products are registered with the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are applied by trained and state-certified technicians.

The District will also make every attempt to notify individuals who sign-up for the District's notification list via e-mail. However, the District may not be able to notify the public if immediate applications are needed to protect public health and welfare from serious diseases such as West Nile virus. The District may also cancel a scheduled operation due to weather and/or other reasons without prior notice. For a list of where West Nile virus activity has been detected in Sacramento and Yolo counties or for updates please visit the District online at FIGHTtheBITE.net and click on 2007 West Nile virus Activity.

The District routinely collects and tests adult mosquitoes throughout Sacramento and Yolo counties. "This is similar to what we saw last year. People need to be aware of just how fast West Nile virus can amplify now that we are in the summer months," said District Manager David Brown. "With the preliminary confirmation of four West Nile virus positive-mosquito samples in our area, it is extremely important that residents protect themselves by practicing the District's **7Ds** of mosquito prevention: **DRAIN** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes. **DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors. These are the times when mosquitoes are most active. **DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outdoors. **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. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering your home. **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," Brown said.

### West Nile virus

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), West Nile virus (WNV) is the leading cause of arboviral encephalitis in the United States. Originally discovered in Africa in 1937, WNV was first detected in the western hemisphere in 1999 in New York City. Since then it has caused seasonal epidemics of West Nile virus fever and severe neurological disease. West Nile virus is transmitted to humans and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected with WNV when they feed on infected birds.

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**2007 West Nile virus activity update**

**Level 2** – Yolo County: **1 bird**, 0 sentinel chickens, 0 horses, **1 mosquito sample** and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

Sacramento County: **5 birds**, 0 sentinel chickens, 0 horses, **13 mosquito samples** and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

**2006 West Nile virus activity**

Sacramento County: 16 humans, 1 horse, 89 dead birds, 36 mosquito samples and 13 sentinel chickens tested positive for West Nile virus in 2006

Yolo County: 27 humans, 0 horses, 54 dead birds, 62 mosquito samples and 26 sentinel chickens tested positive for West Nile virus in 2006

To **report a dead bird or squirrel** call 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or visit the California Department of Public Health online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov)

The **Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District** provides mosquito and vector control services for Sacramento and Yolo counties.

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