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BBQ'S...4TH OF JULY FUN...AND MOSQUITOES!
--Fight the Bite This Holiday and Protect Your Loved Ones from Mosquitoes

Elk Grove, Calif.—BBQ's, fireworks and outdoor activities are a great combination, but when you add mosquitoes, it can ruin the fun! The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District advises the public to stay protected from mosquitoes and West Nile virus during the 4th of July holiday. "Tomorrow night, many will be outside enjoying the fireworks in the early evening when mosquitoes are out looking to bite," said David Brown District Manager. "It's important to stay protected by wearing an effective insect repellent that contains DEET or if possible, long sleeves and pants," said Brown.

In recent weeks, West Nile virus activity has increased in the area with both mosquito samples and dead birds testing positive for the virus. It's important to also note that since 2004, the majority of the human cases that occur typically happen during the hot month of July. "Residents need to take these recommendations seriously," said Brown. "All it takes is one bite from an infected mosquito bite to get West Nile virus."

Thus far, WNV activity has been registered in 20 California counties including the second human case reported in the neighboring Modesto area.

This 4th of July holiday and during the next summer months, 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 by 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

2008 West Nile virus activity update for Sacramento and Yolo counties
Level 2—**10 dead birds**, 0 sentinel chickens, **6 mosquito samples** and **0 humans** have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

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