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**THERE'S A NEW MOSQUITO BUSTER IN TOWN...**  
**--Concerned Community Member Going the Extra Mile to Educate Neighbors**

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District has a new ally to help in the fight against mosquitoes and West Nile Virus. Marty Hargadon, a 70 year old resident of an active living community in the Sacramento area is on a mosquito busting mission! A few weeks ago, Marty got two mosquito bites while gardening early in the morning and found a dead mosquito inside her home. With the warm temperatures and the start of the West Nile virus season, Marty became concerned and decided to take action. "I know WNV can affect anyone, all it takes is one bite from an infected mosquito, so I wanted to make sure my neighbors were well informed so they can protect themselves," she said. Marty not only called the District to request an inspection of her yard, but she also asked for over 900 brochures to pass around her neighborhood and organized a community presentation about mosquitoes and West Nile virus that all residents of her active living community could attend. "After reading about the terrible experience of a WNV survivor, I realized I had to take action to inform my friends and neighbors who like me, weren't taking the proper precautions," she added. For a few weeks now she's been talking to fellow residents about mosquito prevention, distributing information and planning tonight's presentation. "Marty is truly an example of someone willing to make a difference," said David Brown District Manager. "We're grateful for people like her who take action and help disseminate our prevention messages, we wish there were more people like her" said Brown.

**WHAT:** Community Presentation  
**WHEN:** Monday, July 7, 2008, 6:30-8 pm  
**WHERE:** The Clubhouse  
Active Adult 55+ Community  
2481 Heritage Park Ln.  
Sacramento, Ca.

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. This season, WNV activity has been registered in 20 California counties including the second human case reported in the neighboring Modesto area. Activity is expected to increase during the upcoming weeks as hot July temperatures increase mosquitoes.

**2008 West Nile virus activity update for Sacramento and Yolo counties**  
Level 2—**10 dead birds**, 0 sentinel chickens, **17 mosquito samples** and **0 humans** have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

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