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West Nile Virus Activity Increases in North Sacramento **--Growing Concern Over High Numbers of Infected Mosquitoes**

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced today that concern is growing in North Sacramento after a number of infected mosquitoes and dead birds positive for West Nile virus have been found. “We’re taking a close look at different areas of North Sacramento and we’re evaluating our next steps,” said David Brown District Manager. In recent weeks, virus activity has amplified increasing the risk of virus transmission to humans. The District will continue monitoring the area closely over the weekend by doing extensive mosquito trapping and ground fogging where interventions are needed. “We’re doing everything we can to ensure public safety” said Brown. “In the meantime, we need the continued support of all residents to ensure they are not breeding mosquitoes in their own home, it needs to be a collaborative effort.”

The District urges residents to inspect their homes at least once a week for any items such as buckets, flower pots, fountains, old tires, pet watering dishes or kiddie pools that may be collecting water and producing mosquitoes. The public support is still needed in reporting neglected pools found in foreclosed homes.

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.

2008 West Nile virus activity update:
Level 3--Sacramento County: 49 dead birds, 1 sentinel chicken, 149 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

Level 2--Yolo County: 2 dead bird, 0 sentinel chickens, 2 mosquito samples and 0 humans.

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

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