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**MOSQUITO CONTROL COMPLETES THREE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS OF AERIAL
TREATMENT**

-- Wind Does Not Play a Factor in District Efforts

ELK GROVE, Calif. -The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced today that three consecutive nights of aerial application to reduce the number of adult mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus is complete. The District responded to surveillance data collected and high infection rates of mosquitoes tested by implementing aerial adult mosquito treatment in areas of Northern Sacramento County in order to protect public health.

The District continues to detect West Nile virus in other areas of Sacramento and Yolo counties. Residents are still encouraged to take appropriate precautions to prevent mosquito bites. "If you plan to be outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, specifically at dawn and dusk, please apply an effective insect repellent such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus," said District Manager David Brown.

The District currently has 2 humans, 69 mosquito samples, 30 birds, and 2 chickens that have tested positive for West Nile virus in Sacramento County. Yolo County has shown 0 humans, 3 mosquito samples, 7 birds, and 2 chickens testing positive for the 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 may include ground and/or aerial treatments where virus activity has been detected.

DAVID BROWN, MANAGER

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Additional links

1. David Brown's updates: www.FIGHTtheBITE.net/whoweare/
2. Adult mosquito treatment FAQs: www.FIGHTtheBITE.net/adulticide/faq.php
3. Adult mosquito treatments/schedules: www.FIGHTtheBITE.net/adulticide/
4. Level 5 West Nile virus Activity Alert: www.FIGHTtheBITE.net/mediacorner/plan.php
5. Sign-up for the District's spray notification via e-mail: www.FIGHTtheBITE.net/signup/

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 outside. **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.

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West Nile virus

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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.

2007 West Nile virus activity update—Level 5

Sacramento County: 2 humans, 69 mosquito samples, 30 birds, 2 sentinel chickens, and 1 horse case have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

Yolo County: 0 humans, 3 mosquito samples, 7 birds, 2 sentinel chickens, and 0 horse cases 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

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

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