San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District



7759 S. Airport Way Stockton, CA 95206

Request for Service 209.982.4675 or 1.800.300.4675

Fight The Bite!

- >**Dump & Drain** standing Water
- >Dusk & Dawn are when mosquitoes that carry WNV are most active.
- >DEET is an effective ingredient to look for in insect repellents

News Release

For Immediate Release August 26, 2010 NR10-18 John Stroh, Manager (209) 982-4675 After Hours (209) 327-1461

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AERIAL SPRAYING SCHEDULED TO COMBAT MOSQUITO POPULATIONS AND WEST NILE VIRUS City of Manteca and Rural South Manteca Targeted

(STOCKTON, CA) – In response to increased adult mosquito populations and the detection of West Nile virus in several areas of San Joaquin County, the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is preparing to conduct aerial spraying for adult mosquito control. District Manager John Stroh stated that the recent heat wave created perfect conditions for WNV to expand in local bird and mosquito populations, and the virus is now being detected in numerous urban, suburban, and rural areas. "Residents of San Joaquin County should take precautions to avoid mosquito bites and to eliminate standing water on their property" Stroh said.

The District will continue to implement the California Mosquito-Borne Virus Surveillance and Response Plan to protect public health and welfare. Spray locations and times will normally be available 24 hours in advance. People can access spray information and spray schedules by calling the District at (209) 982-4675 or toll-free at 1-800-300-4675 during business hours from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by visiting the District's website online at www.sjmosquito.org.

<u>Due to increased adult mosquito populations and detection of West Nile virus, the following area is scheduled for spraying:</u>

<u>Aerial spraying</u> for adult mosquito control using Evergreen 60-6 is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 31, 2010, between 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. or the morning of Wednesday, September 1, 2010 between 4:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

City of Manteca and Rural South Manteca > North to one mile north of Lathrop Rd.,
 South to Stanislaus River, > East to one mile west of Jack Tone Rd., > West to Airport Way (See Reference Map)

Spraying for adult mosquitoes is done near sunset or sunrise with trucks and airplanes when mosquitoes are most active. The District will be using sprayers that apply a very fine mist of material that kills adult mosquitoes on contact. Control operations are contingent upon favorable weather conditions and if canceled, will typically be rescheduled to the following morning or evening.

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AERIAL SPRAYING SCHEDULED TO COMBAT MOSQUITO POPULATIONS AND WEST NILE VIRUS (Cont.)

2010 update on West Nile virus activity for San Joaquin County: 21 dead birds, 21 mosquito samples, 1 horse, and 0 sentinel chickens have tested West Nile virus positive.

To request District service, call (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675 or visit the District website at www.simosquito.org

For more information about mosquito control and WNV:

- California West Nile virus information and to report dead birds and squirrels: Call toll-free at 1-877-968-2473, or California Website: www.westnile.ca.gov
- San Joaquin County Public Health website: http://www.sjcphs.org/emprep/WestNileVirus.htm

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