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WEST NILE VIRUS POSITIVE MOSQUITOES TRIGGER FOGGING IN PLEASANT HILL

-Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Continues Extended Control Efforts -

CONCORD, CALIFORNIA - - Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District officials announced today that three more mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus. The mosquitoes were all trapped in Pleasant Hill. District technicians continue to work extended hours to provide additional control and will conduct truck-mounted fogging for adult mosquitoes tonight in three Contra Costa County locations:

- 1.) Martinez area bordered by I-680 on the west, Highway 4 on the south, Grayson Creek and Pacheco Slough on the east, and Arthur Road on the north.
- 2.) Pleasant Hill bordered by Patricia Drive, Leslie Drive, and Ruth Drive on the west, Gregory Lane on the south, I-680 on the east, and Harriet Drive and Ellinwood Drive on the North.
- 3.) Pleasant Hill/Concord bordered by I-680 on the west, Mayhew Way on the south and Walnut Creek on the east & north (the creek not the city).

Treatment will be made by truck-mounted equipment using Pyrenone 25-5 applied at a rate of 0.75 ounces per acre. Spraying will take place at approximately 7:45 p.m., weather permitting.

“Our technicians are dedicated to not only controlling mosquitoes, but to educating people on an individual basis. Working extended hours and on Saturdays helps us to accomplish that,” said Deborah Bass, public affairs manager for the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District. “We have learned that in many cases, homeowners didn’t realize they were breeding mosquitoes right in their own backyard.”

To date in Contra Costa County there have been three human cases (one death), 51 dead birds, 24 chickens, and 15 mosquito samples* that have tested positive for West Nile virus. Last year in Contra Costa County there were 11 human cases, 94 dead birds, 18 chickens, four mosquito samples*, ten horses, and 25 squirrels that tested positive for West Nile virus.

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In California this year, there have been 96 human cases (2 deaths), 688 dead birds, 323 chickens, 575 mosquito samples, and 25 horses that have tested positive for the virus.

To learn if the District is fogging or spraying for adult mosquitoes in your neighborhood or for media opportunities, please visit the district's website at www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us or call (925) 685-9301 for a recorded message.

Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is located at 155 Mason Circle in Concord. Call the District to report mosquito problems at (925) 685-9301, or visit their office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to get FREE mosquitofish for ornamental ponds or horse troughs.

To report dead birds or to learn of your local mosquito control district, call the California Department of Health Services at 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or visit www.westnile.ca.gov. THIS SITE ALSO LISTS WEST NILE VIRUS CASE COUNTS BY COUNTY.

For information concerning West Nile virus symptoms, prevention, or testing, please call the Contra Costa Health Services department at (888) 959-9911 or visit their website at www.ccpublichealth.org

For information concerning West Nile virus and horses, please visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture Animal Health Branch at www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/wnv_info.htm or call them at (916) 654-1447.

* Mosquito samples: Mosquitoes are trapped, collected from the field, and then the females are pooled together by species. Each pool contains one to 50 mosquitoes. Each sample is tested for the presence of St. Louis encephalitis, Western Equine encephalomyelitis and West Nile viruses.