



NEWS ADVISORY

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MOSQUITO DISTRICT URGES HELP FROM PUBLIC TO LOCATE BACKYARD SOURCES - MORE FOGGING PLANNED TO REDUCE MOSQUITOES

-Fogging will take place in Pleasant Hill and Martinez-

CONCORD, CALIFORNIA - - Continued West Nile virus activity and high mosquito populations mean Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District will fog again in Pleasant Hill and Martinez. Field employees continued to work extra hours, working throughout the holiday weekend in an effort to locate and control mosquitoes in the area and will conduct truck-mounted fogging for adult mosquitoes tomorrow night. The areas to be fogged are:

- 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 between dusk (approximately 8:00 p.m) and midnight, weather permitting.

“In spite of our field employees’ continued extra effort over the holiday weekend, we have been unable to determine the source of mosquitoes in these areas,” said Deborah Bass, public affairs manager for the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District. “We urgently need help from the public to identify backyard sources. We have all known sources such as creeks, public ponds, and catch basins under surveillance and control, but we can’t visit every single backyard.”

Visit the District’s website at www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us to see maps of areas to be fogged, as well as all West Nile virus activity/cases in Contra Costa County for 2006.