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LEGISLATURE DECLARES APRIL 23-29, 2007 WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

-Mosquito District Kicks off Week with an Open House April 22, 2007-

CONCORD, CALIFORNIA - - The California State Legislature gave final approval yesterday to legislation (SCR 19 by Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod) declaring April 23-29, 2007 West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week in California. Many local governments throughout the state have passed similar resolutions in recent weeks.

The Awareness Week resolution acknowledges that 24 people have died and 1,200 have been made ill in California by West Nile virus in the past two years. It declares that adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance, and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other vector-borne diseases. It also recognizes the important work of mosquito and vector control districts and their employees in protecting public health.

In Contra Costa County last year, eight people contracted West Nile virus and two people died. In recognition of West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week, the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District (CCMVCD) is hosting the following events:

Open House - April 22, 2007

What: Open House ***RAIN OR SHINE***
Who: Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District
Where: 155 Mason Circle Concord, CA
When: Sunday, April 22, 2007 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Events:

- * Ongoing tours of the District's state-of-the-art laboratory and mosquitofish hatchery
- * Ongoing crafts for children: make crafts, see baby mosquitoes, see a real dog's heart, and more!
- * 12:00 p.m. - West Nile virus presentation
- * 12:30 p.m. - Meet the Entomologist and ask questions
- * 1:00 p.m. - West Nile virus presentation in Spanish
- * 1:30 p.m. - The Wild, Wet, Wonderful World of Mosquitofish!

- * 2:00 p.m. - Meet the Mosquitoes - presentation for children
- * 2:30 p.m.- ARGO (all terrain vehicle) demonstration
- * 3:00 p.m.- Vectors Among us! Mosquitoes, rats, mice, ticks, yellowjackets and skunks
- * 3:30 p.m. - Working with Wetlands presentation

Storm Water Management Workshop - April 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.- noon at the CCMVCD office in Concord. Reservations required.

What: Storm Water Management and Vector Control Workshop
 Who: Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District
 Where: 155 Mason Circle Concord, CA
 When: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda:

- * Storm Water Management
- * Design
- * Construction
- * Maintenance
- * Mosquitoes and Rats
- * Endangered Species

Speakers:

Karl Malamud-Roam, Ph.D. Environmental Programs Manager, CCMVCD
 Steve Schutz, Ph.D. Scientific Programs Manager, CCMVCD
 Marco Metzger, Ph.D. California Department of Health Services

RSVP: *Must call to register. (925) 685-9301, ext. 109*

West Nile Virus Education Seminar and Repellent Giveaway to Seniors, April 25, 2007

What: West Nile Virus Education and Repellent Giveaway for Rossmoor Residents

Who: Public Health Director Dr. Wendel Brunner
 Former Assembly Member Joseph Canciamilla
 Department of Agriculture Commissioner Edward Meyer
 Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District General Mgr. Craig Downs
 National Executive Director of the DEET Education Program, Susan Little

Where: Rossmoor, 1001 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, Fireside Room

When: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 10:00 - 11:00

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is a public health agency and has been protecting public health for 80 years. Please visit our website for directions to our facility or call (925) 685-9301. www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us