



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SPRAYING FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES TO TAKE PLACE IN BRENTWOOD AND DISCOVERY BAY TONIGHT**

*-- Truck-mounted fogging will reduce adult mosquitoes that can transmit West Nile virus--*

**CONCORD, CALIFORNIA** - - The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District will use truck-mounted equipment tonight to spray adult mosquitoes that can transmit West Nile virus to people and animals. Weather permitting, spraying is scheduled to take place in Brentwood in the areas of Balfour Road and Walnut Avenue, as well as Lone Tree Way and Fairview Avenue, and approximately one half mile in the surrounding areas. Spraying will also take place in Discovery Bay, weather permitting, near Point of Timber Road and Bixler Road and approximately one half mile in the surrounding areas. All of these areas are scheduled for spraying between 9:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. tonight.

“Our decision to spray is based on comprehensive and scientific criteria as outlined in our plan for responding to mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus,” said Deborah Bass, spokeswoman for the District. “We have a plan to protect public health and we’re proceeding with that plan.”

According to Bass, there is no need to take special precautions due to the spraying. The pesticide’s active ingredient, resmethrin, is not only approved, but recommended for mosquito control by the environmental protection agency. Although mosquito control pesticides pose low risks, some people may prefer to avoid or further minimize exposure. Some common sense steps to help reduce possible exposure to pesticides include:

- Visit the District’s website at [www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us](http://www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us) or call the District at (925) 685-9301, ext 170 for announcement about spraying and remain indoors during applications in the immediate area.
- People who suffer from chemical sensitivities or feel spraying may aggravate a preexisting health condition may consult their physician or local health department and take special measures to avoid exposure.
- Close windows and turn off window-unit air conditioners when spraying is taking place in the immediate area.
- Keep children's toys indoors.

Since the spray dissipates in a few hours, it is not necessary to wash off outdoor furniture or playground equipment before use.

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Since Friday, the California Department of Health Services is reporting a jump in human cases of WNV from 56 to 102 for the state. In San Joaquin County, their human cases jumped from six to 21. Forty-six of the 58 counties in California now have WNV cases reported in their areas. To date in Contra Costa County, there have been a total of 14 birds and three mosquito samples that have tested positive for West Nile virus. There have been no human or horse cases in the county to date.

The last bird, a Western scrub jay, was picked up and tested on August 4. The bird was found near Ygnacio Valley Road and Walnut Avenue in Walnut Creek.

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 our office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to get mosquitofish. Visit our website [www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us](http://www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us) for more information or to learn about possible mosquito spraying in your area.

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](http://www.ccpublichealth.org)

**FILMING AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

**Vector Control Technicians will begin their spraying operation at the WinCo Foods parking lot:**

**WinCo Foods - 6700 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood at 9:00 p.m.**