

San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District



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District Plans For National Mosquito Control Awareness Week *-First WNV Positive Mosquitoes in Stockton in 2008-*

(STOCKTON, CA) – June 22-28, 2008 is National Mosquito Control Awareness Week and San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) will be distributing mosquitofish free to residents of all cities within San Joaquin County. Ideal places to use mosquitofish to prevent mosquito development are ornamental ponds, animal water troughs, and green (abandoned) swimming pools. A maximum of 15 fish will be provided to each resident as long as supplies last. Attached is a list of locations and times where the mosquitofish will be distributed.

Additionally, the District's mosquito-borne disease surveillance program confirmed West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes in the City of Stockton, zip code 95207; this is the first incidence of WNV+ mosquitoes in Stockton for 2008. In 2008, there are now five dead birds and three samples of mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile Virus in San Joaquin County.

In response to the recent West Nile virus positive surveillance data, the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District (the District) will continue to implement its Mosquito-Borne Disease Surveillance and Response Plan to protect public health and welfare. This plan includes ground and/or aerial treatments for adult mosquito control in and around the area where virus has been detected. The District will post any scheduled adult mosquito control treatments on the District's website at www.sjmosquito.org. However, the District may not be able to notify the public if immediate applications are needed to protect public health and welfare from serious diseases such as West Nile virus. The District may also cancel a scheduled operation due to weather and/or other reasons without prior notice.

The District asks residents to report significant mosquito infestations to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675, or www.sjmosquito.org. Please report all dead birds and tree squirrels to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

Interested media can please call Aaron Devencenzi to arrange for interviews and photo opportunities.

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