

San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District



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Large Scale Aerial Adult Mosquito Control Planned for a South Portion of San Joaquin County

(STOCKTON, CA) – In response to significant West Nile virus activity in areas of San Joaquin County and the associated risk to humans, the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District (District) is preparing to conduct additional large scale adult mosquito control in a southern portion of San Joaquin County. Aircraft will be used to treat identified locations. The location includes:

- North to Hwy 120
- South to Stanislaus River
- West to Airport Way
- East to Brennan Rd.

The lower portion of the City of Manteca south of Hwy 120 and the City of Ripon are included in this project.

The treatment is planned to occur the evening of Thursday, August 30, with an alternative of early Friday morning, August 31, and will continue from morning to evening until the project is complete.

The main ingredients of the spray material Evergreen Crop Protection EC 60-6 are pyrethrins and piperonyl butoxide, similar to spray materials that are typically used by homeowners, gardeners, farmers, and pet owners for insect control. There are no recommendations to the public during spray operations. Information on the material is available on the website www.sjgov.org/oes or can be obtained by calling the District.

Control operations are contingent upon favorable weather conditions, but if cancelled, are typically rescheduled the following day. Control is performed near sunset or sunrise when mosquitoes are most active. The schedules and equipment used for adult mosquito control are subject to change. Residents and visitors of San Joaquin County can obtain additional information on West Nile Virus including local mosquito control activities by calling the information line 209-469-8200 or on the web at www.sjgov.org/oes. However, due to the immediacy of the West Nile virus emergency, the District will not be able to provide the typical advanced notice of 36-48 hours.

For 2007 to date there has been three reported West Nile virus positive human case with one resulting in a fatality, 30 positive dead birds, 118 positive groups of collected mosquitoes, six positive sentinel chicken, one horse, and one squirrel testing positive for West Nile virus in San Joaquin County.

Additional Information:

- Report mosquito problems to: SJC Mosquito & Vector Control District at (209) 982-4675 or 1-800-300-4675
- Report all dead birds and tree squirrels to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov (Statewide information can also be obtained)

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