

San Joaquin County West Nile Virus Update: June 28, 2007

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West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Found in Zip Code 95219

Stockton, California -- The second West Nile virus positive mosquitoes for 2007 in San Joaquin County were found in zip code 95219. The presumptive positive mosquitoes will be sent to the State for confirmation testing.

The first WNV evidence for 2007 was reported on June 14, from collected mosquitoes found in zip code 95206. San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District (District) is increasing surveillance and control of local mosquito populations in response to increased detection of WNV. Mosquito control activities include spraying aquatic sources where mosquitoes breed, spraying for adult mosquitoes, using mosquito-eating fish, educating the public, and legal enforcement where necessary.

Individuals can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by taking these precautions:

- **Dump or drain** all sources of standing water on your property.
- **DEET** is an effective ingredient used in mosquito repellents.
- **Dusk and dawn** are when mosquitoes are most active. Limit outdoor activities or take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

In 2006, there were 8 human cases, 12 horse cases, 46 groups of mosquitoes, and nineteen sentinel chickens that tested positive for WNV in San Joaquin County.

For more information about West Nile virus:

- Report mosquito problems to: SJC Mosquito & Vector Control District at (209) 982-4675 or 1-800-300-4675
- San Joaquin County recorded information line: (209) 469-8200
- San Joaquin County WNV website: www.sjgov.org/oes
- Report 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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