

San Joaquin County West Nile Virus Task Force



News Release

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First West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Found In San Joaquin County for 2007

(STOCKTON, CA) – The first West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes for 2007 in San Joaquin County were found in zip code 95206, at the City of Stockton Waste Water Treatment Plant near San Joaquin River and State Highway 4. This is the first evidence of West Nile virus in San Joaquin County for 2007. The presumptive positive mosquitoes will be sent to the State for confirmation testing.

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:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Apply insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET or Picaridin when outdoors, according to label instructions.
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, at dawn and dusk, and especially for the first two hours after sunset.
- When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- Exclude mosquitoes from your home with tight fitting screens on doors and windows.
- Contact your veterinarian for information on vaccinating equine against WNV.
- Report significant mosquito infestations to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at 209-982-4675 or 1-800-300-4675. Report dead birds and tree squirrels to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

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