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First West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Found in Calaveras County for 2006

(San Andreas, CA) - The first West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes for 2006 in Calaveras County were found off of Highway 12 between the communities of Burson and Wallace. The presumptive positive mosquitoes are being sent to the State for confirmation testing.

The Calaveras County Environmental Health Department will be continuing with its surveillance and control activities in this and other areas within the County. Mosquito control activities include treating aquatic sources where mosquitoes breed, spraying for adult mosquitoes when necessary and educating the public on personal protective measures and eliminating sources of mosquito breeding. Because this program is new to the County, control activities are somewhat limited. Therefore, individuals are encouraged to do their part to reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by taking the following 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 in vaccinating equines against WNV.

Report dead birds to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

(Statewide information can also be obtained).

Report significant mosquito infestations to the Calaveras County Environmental Health Department - (Mosquito Control Hotline at 209-754-6383).

Additional contact information:

Mosquito Control Web Site www.co.calaveras.ca.us go to Departments – Env. Health – Vector Control

Mosquito Control E-Mail mosquito@co.calaveras.ca.us

California State West Nile Web Site www.westnile.ca.gov

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