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Preliminary 2006 Mosquito Surveillance and Control Measures

Calaveras County Environmental Health and San Joaquin Mosquito and Vector Control District staff will likely begin surveying areas within parts of Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5 (see attached map) within the next couple of weeks for purposes of determining early spring and summer mosquito breeding habitat. Such assessment may result in the chemical treatment of water bodies to help curtail the development of mosquitoes that may carry West Nile virus. Within two miles of the Calaveras/San Joaquin County boundary, (see two zones depicted on map) the District will survey and recommend treatment at no cost to the County. The additional and larger area will be treated at no cost to the county as such costs will be covered through grant funding as secured through the California Department of Health Services.

If water bodies are to be treated, all applications will be done in accordance with state law and through and by the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District. Chemical applications are not to include aerial spraying or neighborhood fogging. Treatment of water bodies on private lands will only be done with the knowledge and consent of the property owner.

This program is designed to help curtail West Nile virus and is aimed at those species of mosquitoes (Culex) that have the ability to carry and transmit the virus. This program will not be addressing those species of mosquitoes that present themselves primarily as a nuisance.

Calaveras County Environmental Health staff has and will continue to trap and identify mosquitoes for purposes of determining where treatments should be made within the specified treatment areas.

A joint study session (including the Environmental and Public Health Departments) is to be conducted on March 13, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors chambers. This study session will update the Board on mosquito control and West Nile virus within Calaveras County.