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### **VIDEO DEPICTS 20 YEAR RESTORATION OF ‘CROWN JEWEL’ OF MARTINEZ MARSHES**

*-How vital marshes went from being on the Bay Area's top 10 toxic hot spots to becoming an ecological haven for wildlife-*

**CONCORD, CALIFORNIA** - - The Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District today introduces a new video, “Peyton Slough Wetlands: The Crown Jewel of Contra Costa County” that depicts the restoration of the wetlands over the past 20 years. The restoration was spearheaded by the Peyton Slough Wetlands Advisory Committee. The video was produced in collaboration with the PSWAC by the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District.

“The video is a tribute to this very important marsh, how it started out as a toxic area and is now home to dozens of species of wildlife right here in our community,” said Karl Malamud-Roam, Ph.D, environmental projects manager for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. “The historical perspective coupled with the lush palette of wildlife footage is stunning. It visually illustrates the impact that representatives of key local organizations have made over the past 20 years.

The video may be viewed at <http://www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us/peyton.html>

The video is scheduled to debut on Contra Costa Television, channel 27 for Comcast subscribers and channel 32 for Astound subscribers in Concord and Walnut Creek, on June 9 at 6 p.m.; June 12 at 5 p.m., and June 24 at 7 p.m., and many more times throughout the year.

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is a public health agency and has been protecting public health for over 80 years. [www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us](http://www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us) (925) 685-9301

The PSWAC is comprised of personnel from many different groups, including California Department of Fish & Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Mt. View Sanitary District, Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District, East Bay Regional Park District, Rhodia, Mt. Diablo Audubon Society, California Department of Fish and Game, and more. For more information regarding this committee, please contact Karl Malamud-Roam, Environmental Projects Manager, Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. (925) 771-6107