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OAKLEY JOINS ANTIOCH AND BRENTWOOD AS HIGH RISK AREAS FOR WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTION IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

-West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes reported; more dead birds in Antioch-

CONCORD, CALIFORNIA - - Two groups of mosquitoes trapped in Oakley have tested positive for West Nile virus, the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District announced today. In addition, four birds from Antioch have tested positive for the virus as well.

“Our surveillance data coupled with the state’s virus-modeling program help us identify areas of concern,” said Deborah Bass, public affairs manager with the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. “Together, these tools enable us to concentrate our control efforts in areas where human cases may occur”.

In Contra Costa County to date this year, there have been twelve dead birds, eight groups of mosquitoes, and two squirrels that have tested positive for West Nile virus. So far this year, no human cases have been reported.

District officials continue to urge property owners to routinely check their yards, to dump mosquito water sources, and to properly maintain their water features. Abandoned or neglected swimming pools are especially worrisome as they can produce hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes and affect residents up to a five-mile radius.

Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is located at 155 Mason Circle in Concord. Call the District to report mosquito problems at (925) 771-6195, or visit their office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to get FREE mosquitofish for ornamental ponds or horse troughs. Mosquitofish are also available at Antioch Corporation Yard, 1201 W. 4th Street, Antioch, CA, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People wishing to be notified about adult mosquito fogging or spraying have several options. They may visit the District’s Web site at www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us and opt to receive the notifications automatically by email, they can view information on the District Web site, or they may phone the District for a recorded message at (925) 771-6195.

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For information concerning human West Nile virus symptoms, prevention, or testing, please call the Contra Costa Health Services department at (888) 959-9911 or visit their website at www.ccpublichealth.org

For information concerning West Nile virus and horses, please visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture Animal Health Branch at www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/wnv_info.htm or call them at (916) 654-1447.

Dead birds should be reported to 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov . Not all birds will be picked up and tested, but reporting dead birds provides important information for mosquito control efforts.

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