

NEWS ADVISORY

SAVE THE DATE-April 24, 2007

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MOSQUITO DISTRICT HOSTS STORM WATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

-Scientists speak on proper water management to avoid breeding mosquitoes-

CONCORD, CALIFORNIA - - Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District is hosting a "Storm Water Management and Vector Control" workshop on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 for all city and county staff in an effort to teach proper water management practices in the city and county that won't create a public health threat or public nuisance. Storm water basins often breed mosquitoes which are capable of transmitting West Nile virus to people or animals. Storm water basins can also harbor rats.

"Proper design, construction, and management of storm drains is essential to the health and welfare of our residents," said Environmental Programs Manager Karl Malamud-Roam of the District. "Storm drains can, when poorly constructed or managed, create stagnant pools of water throughout neighborhoods that are perfect for breeding thousands of mosquitoes, including those that can transmit West Nile virus, a sometimes fatal disease."

What: Storm Water Management and Vector Control Workshop
Who: Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District (CCMVCD)

Where: 155 Mason Circle Concord, CA

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: * Storm Water Management

* Design

* Construction* Maintenance

* Mosquitoes and Rats* Endangered Species

Speakers: Karl Malamud-Roam, Ph.D. Environmental Programs Manager, CCMVCD

Steve Schutz, Ph.D. Scientific Programs Manager, CCMVCD Marco Metzger, Ph.D. California Department of Health Services

Cost: FREE

RSVP: Must call to register. (925) 685-9301, ext. 109

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is a public health agency and has been protecting public health for 80 years. Please visit our website for directions www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us to our facility or call (925) 685-9301 for more information.