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Fogging for mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus successful

San Mateo, CALIF. - The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District (SMCMVCD) fogging operation the night of Thursday June 19 successfully reduced mosquito populations in the treated area of the city of San Mateo. Mosquito traps set before and after treatment showed a 77% reduction in the adult mosquito population.

Post-fogging mosquito samples collected in San Mateo on Saturday were negative for West Nile Virus (WNV). No future foggings are planned at this time because the virus was not detected post-treatment.

Fogging to suppress West Nile Virus Mosquitoes of 350 acres in San Mateo was completed at approximately 3:30 a.m. Friday, June, 20, 2014.

A map of the fogging location can be found on the district website, www.smcmad.org. Residents with questions can call the District at (650) 344-8592 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The District responded as quickly as possible to testing results from Thursday morning, June 19, revealing WNV in mosquitoes. Ground fogging was undertaken the same night to limit public exposure to disease. The District aimed to reduce mosquito numbers before the weekend, when many residents enjoy the warm weather and long hours of daylight, and a festival was scheduled in nearby downtown San Mateo.

Reports of dead birds are an early indication that the virus is circulating in the environment. Residents are encouraged to help by reporting fresh carcasses of birds or tree squirrels to the West Nile virus hotline, online at www.westnile.ca.gov or by phone at 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

Physicians should be aware that residents in the fogging area may have come in contact with mosquitoes carrying WNV. If any of these residents come to the physician's office with symptoms of WNV, they should be tested for the virus.

For assistance with a mosquito problem in San Mateo County, contact the District at (650) 344-8592.

For more information on West Nile Virus and other district services, visit us on the web at: www.smcmad.org.

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