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Mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus remain in City of San Mateo after fogging.
Additional treatment scheduled for night of July 28, 2014.

San Mateo, CALIF. - The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District (SMCMVCD) detected adult mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus (WNV) collected July 24, 2014 from the 94401 ZIP code area. The mosquitoes were collected as part of a post-treatment assessment of the fogging that occurred on the night of July 21. The District will conduct an additional truck-mounted mosquito fogging treatment in a half mile radius around the detection site, in an effort to prevent human cases of WNV. Weather permitting; the ground fogging is scheduled for Monday, July 28 between 9:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

The District detects West Nile Virus in dead birds and squirrels every year, but District Manager Robert Gay states “this is the first year mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have been found in San Mateo County.” 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.

Post-fogging mosquito samples collected in Ladera after a treatment on July 21 were negative for West Nile Virus. No future fogging is planned in Ladera at this time because the virus was not detected post-treatment.

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.
Adult mosquito fogging area shown inside red outline