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September 18 Fogging for Mosquitos Carrying West Nile Virus Successful

Burlingame, CALIF. - The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District (SMCMVCD) fogging operations the night of September 18 successfully reduced mosquito populations in the treated areas of Foster City, Belmont, Redwood City, Redwood Shores, and San Mateo. Mosquito traps set before and after treatment showed a 91% reduction in the adult mosquito population after Thursday night.

Post-fogging mosquito samples collected in Foster City, Belmont, Redwood City, Redwood Shores, and San Mateo tested negative for West Nile Virus (WNV). No future foggings are planned at this time because the virus was not detected post-treatment.

Fogging of 800 acres in Foster City, Belmont, Redwood City, Redwood Shores, and San Mateo to suppress mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus was completed at approximately 3:00 a.m. Friday, September 19, 2014.

Maps of the fogging locations 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.

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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