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Riverside County
NEWS RELEASE

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Mosquito-control application scheduled for Murrieta on Wednesday evening

Due to the high number of mosquitos trapped in an area of Murrieta, the Riverside County Vector Control Program has scheduled ultra-low volume ground applications using truck-mounted sprayers to reduce the number of adult mosquitos. The treatment will occur in a portion of the area between Ivy Street and Manista Way, northeast of New Clay Street.

The application of EPA-approved mosquito control product Zenivex (EPA Reg No 2724-807) is scheduled for Wednesday (8/31) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., when mosquitos are most active.

All products used are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of controlling mosquitos and protecting public health. The products are applied according to label instructions by trained and certified technicians. Although the products pose very low to no risk, some people may prefer to avoid exposure. To minimize exposure, residents and pets should remain indoors and keep windows closed during and for 15 minutes following ground application. The amount of material sprayed is three ounces per acre, which ensures that humans, animals and crops are safe. Signs were posted Friday along the route informing residents of the control efforts.

In addition, the vector control staff is intensifying mosquito surveillance, searching out breeding sites and conducting larval control where appropriate.

Follow these precautions to safeguard your family:

- Protect against mosquito bites by using insect repellent. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under

two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Lemon eucalyptus oil should not be used on children under three years of age.

- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. Dawn and dusk are peak biting times for many mosquitos. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities during that time. Report any day biting mosquitos to vector staff, stressing that you are being bitten during the day vs. at dawn or dusk.
- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitos away from skin.
- Mosquito-proof your home. Drain standing water because mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water and limit the number of places for mosquitos to breed by draining/discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools. Change water in birdbaths and pet bowls at least weekly.
- Keep mosquitos outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Please call the vector control office at 951-766-9454 if you have any questions, would like to report a mosquito problem in your area or to request mosquito larvae eating fish. You may also visit our website www.rivcoeh.org/programs/vector or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideCountyEH/> for more information.