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First Indications of West Nile virus in 2016

Norco, CA. The first indications of West Nile virus in 2016 have been detected in a sample of mosquitoes collected from the City of Norco. The mosquitoes tested positive for the virus on June 8, 2016. The Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District routinely monitors populations of adult mosquitoes and tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of mosquito-borne viruses.

District staff will continue to canvass the area to look for and treat mosquito breeding sources. They will also post signs alerting residents of the detection of the virus along with preventative measures the public can take to keep from becoming infected with West Nile virus.

The District urges the public to conduct routine inspections on their properties for mosquito breeding sources. Please look for any standing water around your home or neighborhood. Remove the water source or contact the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District to inspect and treat the source. Remember, mosquitoes can complete their lifecycle in just one week in a water source as small as a bottle cap. If you find a dead bird, please call (877)-WNV-BIRD as soon as possible. Dead birds will be submitted for testing for mosquito-borne viruses.

Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District urges residents to take the following precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes:

- Eliminate any standing water around your house.
- Make sure all windows and door screens on your house are in good repair and tight fitting.
- Wear a mosquito repellent that contains DEET®, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR 3535.
- Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn hours.
- Contact the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District to report standing water or mosquito activity.

Contact the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District at [951-340-9792](tel:951-340-9792) with any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website at