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DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE VIRUSES

STANISLAUS COUNTY – The East Side and Turlock Mosquito Abatement Districts (MADs) confirmed the detection of West Nile Virus (WNV) in one mosquito sample from Stanislaus County. As of June 12, 2023, WNV has been detected in 9 California counties, with WNV activity confirmed in 0 humans, 16 dead birds, and 15 mosquito samples.

The Districts anticipate an active mosquito and mosquito-borne virus season this year. Turlock MAD General Manager David Heft stated, "The late rains and increased temperatures will hasten the development of West Nile virus in the Central Valley. We urge residents to dump and drain any items around their home that may hold standing water and to use repellent when outside in the dawn and dusk hours."

The MADs will continue with their surveillance programs identifying mosquito breeding sources and mosquito-borne disease activity and treat according to their results. The MADs would like to remind residents that they can help by taking the following precautions:

- **Dump** or **drain** standing water where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs.
- **Defend** yourself against mosquitoes by using repellants containing DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- **Avoid** being outdoors at **dusk** and **dawn** when WNV-carrying mosquitoes are generally most active.
- **Report Neglected Swimming pools** to your local MAD.
- **Use** tight-fitting door and window **screens** to keep mosquitoes from entering your home.
- **Contact** your veterinarian for information on vaccinating equine against WNV.

For additional information or to request service, residents should contact their local MAD. Stanislaus County residents:

- North of the Tuolumne River contact:
Eastside Mosquito Abatement District at (209) 522-4098 (www.eastsidemosquito.com)
- South of the Tuolumne River contact:
Turlock Mosquito Abatement District at (209) 634-1234 (www.turlockmosquito.org)

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