

**San Joaquin
County
Mosquito &
Vector Control
District**



7759 S. Airport Way
Stockton, CA 95206

Request for Service
209.982.4675 or
1.800.300.4675

Fight The Bite!

>**Dump & Drain**
standing Water

>**Dusk & Dawn** are
when mosquitoes
that carry WNV are
most active.

>**DEET** is an
effective ingredient
to look for in insect
repellents

News Release

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WEST NILE VIRUS IS BACK IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY *-First Bird Test Positive for WNV-*

(STOCKTON, CA) – The San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) confirmed that an American Crow found in the Tracy area (zip code 95304) has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This is the first sign of WNV activity in San Joaquin County in 2009. “To avoid West Nile virus, it is important that residents of San Joaquin County protect themselves from mosquito bites and to drain standing water from their property” said John Stroh, Manager of the District.

In response to the detection of WNV, the District will expand surveillance and control of local mosquito populations on all private and public lands within San Joaquin County. Mosquito control activities include: making recommendations to property owners on methods to reduce mosquito breeding conditions; educating the public on mosquito prevention techniques, including the use of repellants; introducing mosquitofish to ponds, ditches, and other aquatic sites; and spraying areas where mosquitoes are found.

Residents are encouraged to call the District with concerns or request service. Many mosquitos can be a result of broken pipes under buildings, deferred maintenance of a neighbor’s property, vacant/foreclosed property, or even roadside drainage ditches. Key to reducing large mosquito populations in the summer is early prevention.

To request District service, call (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675 or visit the District website at www.sjmosquito.org

Additional contacts:

For more information about mosquito control and WNV:

- California West Nile virus information and to report dead birds and squirrels: Call toll-free at 1-877-968-2473, or California Website: www.westnile.ca.gov
- San Joaquin County Public Health website:
<http://www.sjcpsh.org/emprep/WestNileVirus.htm>

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