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New Manager Rings in New Year at One of the Largest Vector Control Districts in California

Santa Fe Springs--The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is ringing in the New Year under new management. Joseph Sanzone took the helm as the new district manager on December 29, 2006. Sanzone's appointment to the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County and one of the largest districts in California wraps up an intense, eight month search for a permanent manager by the District's 35-member Board of Trustees.

"I'm very excited to be here and take charge of a program that is well respected and provides excellent services," Sanzone says. Sanzone's goal as manager is to run a District with highly professional and courteous staff who will contribute to an effective program that protects public health and guards against mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus.

West Nile virus is now endemic to California; therefore, guarding against future outbreaks will remain a high priority for the District and its new manager. "We will continue to provide comprehensive disease surveillance which serves as an early warning system and helps us protect the public," Sanzone comments. Surveillance allows the District to locate and identify potential vector-related health threats. Once a threat is identified, control efforts will target the problem areas and educational information can be disseminated to the local public.

As new manager, Sanzone will be working closely with the District's Board of Trustees. "I am pleased to find the governing board to be very responsive to our mosquito control objectives. I look forward to working with the Board to improve our services to the public."

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Joseph Sanzone is an accomplished board-certified entomologist with long-term success in the management and direction of effective vector control programs. Sanzone was formerly the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) in St. Paul, Minnesota, one of the largest vector control programs in the United States. In that position, he developed and directed mosquito and black fly control programs for seven counties, covering approximately 3,000 square miles and servicing 2.4 million residents. At MMCD, Sanzone managed a staff of 55 permanent and 200 seasonal employees. Sanzone currently serves as President of the American Mosquito Control Association, an international professional association of mosquito and control professionals, industry partners, and academia. He also maintains membership to the Entomological Society of America and the Society of Vector Ecology.

Joseph Sanzone replaces interim manager Randy E. Narramore, a former Chief of Police and professional manager whose accomplishments at the District include modifying the organizational chart for greater efficiency and balancing the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a California government and public health service agency dedicated to reducing populations of vectors (mosquitoes, black flies, and midges) and preventing human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases. The District was established in 1952 and serves more than four million residents in a 1,300 square mile area of Los Angeles County.

For more information, please call the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656. Photographs are available upon request. If you would like additional information about the District and services, please call or visit [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org).