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**Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation and Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to Co-Sponsor
Poster Contest: *Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!***

Los Angeles, CA—The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation and Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) have announced their first annual student poster contest.

The poster contest is open to all students in grades 4-6 who attend school in the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District service area. The children will create a poster that promotes the foundation's 2009/2010 theme of "Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks."

Posters should not be larger than 11x17 and should be on heavy, white paper stock. Posters are due Friday, March 12, 2010 by 3:30 p.m. One winner will be chosen from each grade level and all three students will receive a \$100 savings bond. One of the three winners will be selected as the grand prize winning entry and will be featured on the GLACVCD Web site and on the VecMobile in addition to receiving the savings bond. Winners will be announced in April 2010 during California Mosquito Awareness Week.

"This is a great opportunity to teach children about mosquitoes and vector-borne diseases in an interesting way," says LeShawn Simplis, Education Coordinator for the GLACVCD. "Allowing kids to use creativity to learn about mosquito awareness is something we are excited about this school year."

For more information, official rules and entry form, visit www.glacvcd.org or call **(562) 944-9626**.

About:

The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation: The Vector Education Foundation is a non-profit organization

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founded by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to involve elementary school students in backyard control of vectors such as mosquitoes. The GLACVCD formed the foundation in March 2001 to further advance the existing educational program and community outreach efforts. For more information concerning the foundation and its educational programs, visit www.glacvcd.org, or call **(562) 944-9626**.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District: GLACVCD is a non-enterprise, independent, special district, enabled and empowered to act as a public health agency as a result of legislation incorporated in the California State Health and Safety Code. GLACVCD is one of five mosquito and vector control districts in Los Angeles County. The District serves approximately 6 million residents in a 1,330 square mile area, making GLACVCD the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County. For more information, visit www.glacvcd.org, or call **(562) 944-9626**.