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West Nile Virus Activity Continues to Increase This Summer: Two More West Nile Virus Positive Dead Birds Confirmed

Santa Fe Springs—The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified two more West Nile virus positive (WNV+) birds, one each from the areas of Canyon Country (zip code 91387) and Hacienda Heights (zip code 91745). This brings the total number of WNV+ dead birds found within District boundaries to 10 for the year. So far this year, there have been 42 WNV+ dead birds reported in Los Angeles County and 271 for the State of California.

The report of additional WNV+ activity comes with a reminder from the GLACVCD. “So long as there’s warm weather in the forecast, West Nile virus transmission will remain a threat,” cautioned Truc Dever, Director of Community Affairs for the District. “We continue to urge residents to remain vigilant against mosquito bites and report any mosquito breeding around their homes.”

Neglected swimming pools remain a big problem in Los Angeles County. “We, again, ask that residents report these pools and any foreclosed properties in their neighborhoods,” states Dever.

Along with reporting neglected pools, the public should to be aware of and take personal responsibility to practice the **Seven D’s** of mosquito prevention:

- **Drain** standing water around your home.
- Avoid **Dawn**, when mosquitoes are active.
- Avoid **Dusk**, when mosquitoes are active.
- **Dress** appropriately by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside.

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- **Defend** yourself with an effective mosquito repellent. Be sure to follow label instructions.
- **Door** and window screens should be in working condition to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Call your local **District** for any further help.

The public is encouraged to report dead birds to help with West Nile virus surveillance and control efforts, as birds play an important role in maintaining and spreading the virus. The CA Department of Public Health's toll-free hotline is 877-WNV BIRD or visit on-line at: www.westnile.ca.gov.

For more information, call the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562)944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org.