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West Nile Virus Activity and Temperatures Continue to Increase

Los Angeles, CA— This summer's heat wave continues to contribute to an increase in West Nile virus (WNV) activity throughout the Greater Los Angeles area. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed four more WNV positive mosquito samples and two more WNV positive dead birds, bringing the District's total to 29 positive mosquito samples and 13 positive dead birds this year. The latest WNV positive birds were collected in Encino (zip code 91316) and Norwalk (zip code 90650). Of the four WNV positive mosquito samples, one was collected in Granada Hills (zip code 91344), one in Downey (90241), and two in La Habra Heights (zip code 90631).

This is the first incidence of West Nile virus activity for La Habra Heights for 2010. Statewide, 260 WNV positive dead birds and 784 WNV positive mosquito samples have been reported this year.

"We're seeing an increase in West Nile virus activity due to the warm weather," says Vector Ecologist Harold Morales. "This is a typical pattern that we observe when temperatures remain consistently high."

Mosquito bite prevention is key because there is no cure for West Nile virus. Residents can follow the 3 D's of West Nile virus prevention to protect themselves and their families:

- 1. Dump/Drain**
Eliminate standing water on your property because that's where mosquitoes breed.
- 2. Dusk/Dawn**
Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active.
- 3. Defend**
Wear CDC approved insect repellent and long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors. Use properly fitted and well maintained screens on windows and doors around your home.

Contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org to report a green pool or to submit a service request. For additional West Nile virus information, visit www.westnile.ca.gov or call 1-877-WNV BIRD to report a dead bird or squirrel.

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