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West Nile Virus Activity Confirmed in Panorama City and Sherman Oaks

Los Angeles, CA—The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed two additional West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples from Panorama City (zip code 91402) and Sherman Oaks (zip code 91403). This is the first incidence of West Nile virus activity for Sherman Oaks in 2010. So far this year, the District has reported 51 WNV positive mosquito samples. Statewide, 1284 WNV positive mosquito samples have been reported this year.

Rainfall can accumulate and begin breeding mosquitoes around the home within one week. Make sure to turn over or get rid of empty plant pots, unused tires and any other small containers in your backyard where rain water could collect. Unclog your rain gutters and replace the lids on your trash cans immediately after use. Cover your pool, and make sure ponds are being filtered. Rain barrels should be properly maintained to prevent mosquito breeding.

In addition to eliminating standing water, residents can take the following precautions to prevent mosquito bites and West Nile virus transmission:

- Wear long sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors between dusk and dawn because that is when mosquitoes are most active.
- Use Center for Disease Control approved insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Keep properly maintained and well-fitted screens on your windows and doors to prevent mosquitoes from entering 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.

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