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STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RELEASES ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO FIGHT WEST NILE VIRUS

SACRAMENTO – California’s battle against West Nile virus (WNV) received an extra boost today with the release of \$3 million to 61 local agencies to improve and expand mosquito control across the state, State Public Health Officer Dr. Mark Horton announced today. The funding was included in Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s 2006-2007 budget to supplement resources for local mosquito control efforts to mitigate the threat of WNV transmission.

“This funding is being provided at a critical time when our local partners need additional mosquito control products, equipment and personnel to protect the public from West Nile virus,” Horton said. “The unprecedented heat wave that affected California for more than 10 days may lead to an increase in mosquito activity. Mosquitoes breed faster and more abundantly in hotter temperatures.”

WNV has been detected in 36 of California’s 58 counties this year. To date in 2006, there have been 20 human WNV infections reported from seven counties: Colusa (1), Fresno (1), Kern (11), Sacramento (1), San Joaquin (1), Stanislaus (1), Sutter (1) and Yolo (3). No WNV-related human fatalities have been reported so far this year.

Agencies were provided funding based upon applications outlining their resource needs and the risk of WNV transmission in their respective regions. They were able to request up to \$100,000, or 100 percent of their budget, whichever was less. Agencies must submit a progress report and a detailed account of their expenditures.

To minimize risk, individuals should use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus whenever they are outside, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Residents should ensure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens and should repair or replace screens that have tears or holes. All sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding should be eliminated.

For more information about WNV or to report dead birds, go to www.westnile.ca.gov or call 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473). See below for a complete list of funding recipients.

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2006-2007 Mosquito Control Awards

The following agencies received funds:

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 60,000.00
Alameda County Vector Control Service District	\$ 4,600.00

AMADOR COUNTY

Amador County Agricultural Department	\$ 30,798.00
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BUTTE COUNTY

Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 85,000.00
Durham Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 40,000.00
Oroville Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 23,700.00

CALAVERAS COUNTY

Calaveras County Environmental Health Department	\$ 50,000.00
Saddle Creek Community Services District	\$ 17,577.00

COLUSA COUNTY

Colusa County Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 85,000.00
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 60,000.00
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EL DORADO COUNTY

El Dorado County Environmental Management	\$ 40,000.00
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FRESNO COUNTY

Coalinga-Huron Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 23,200.00
Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 80,000.00
County of Fresno	\$ 50,000.00
Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 80,000.00
Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 80,000.00

GLENN COUNTY

Glenn County Environmental Health Services	\$ 40,000.00
Glenn County Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 45,000.00

IMPERIAL COUNTY

Imperial County Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 26,400.00
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INYO COUNTY

Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program	\$ 50,000.00
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KERN COUNTY

Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 80,000.00
South Fork Mosquito Abatement District	\$ 20,150.00
West Side Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 50,000.00

LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Vector Control District \$ 58,430.00

LASSEN COUNTY

Lassen County Department of Agriculture \$ 25,000.00

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District \$ 80,000.00

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services \$ 10,176.00

Long Beach DHHS, BEH, Vector Control Program \$ 25,900.00

Pasadena Public Health/Environmental Health Department \$ 6,665.65

San Gabriel Valley \$ 50,000.00

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Mariposa Health Department \$ 8,100.00

MERCED COUNTY

Merced County Mosquito Abatement District \$ 90,000.00

MODOC COUNTY

Cal Pines Community Services District \$ 7,830.65

MONO COUNTY

June Lake Public Utilities District \$ 15,000.00

Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District \$ 25,000.00

NEVADA COUNTY

Nevada County Department of Agriculture \$ 41,900.00

County of Nevada Environmental Health Department \$ 30,000.00

PLACER COUNTY

Placer County Mosquito Abatement District \$ 85,000.00

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 70,000.00

Riverside County Department of Environmental Health \$ 30,000.00

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 100,000.00

SAN BENITO COUNTY

San Benito County Agricultural Commissioner \$ 25,000.00

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

San Bernardino County Vector Control Program \$ 60,000.00

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 50,000.00

City of Twentynine Palms \$ 20,000.00

City of Barstow \$ 20,000.00

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

San Francisco Public Health/Environmental Health \$ 30,000.00

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 90,000.00

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

San Luis Obispo County Mosquito Abatement District \$ 30,000.00

SAN MATEO COUNTY

San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District \$ 60,000.00

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District \$ 40,000.00

SHASTA COUNTY

Burney Basin Mosquito Abatement District \$ 40,000.00

Pine Grove Mosquito Abatement District \$ 25,000.00

Shasta County Public Health Department \$ 20,000.00

Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 70,000.00

STANISLAUS COUNTY

East Side Mosquito Abatement District \$ 78,890.96

Turlock Mosquito Abatement District \$ 69,712.00

SUTTER COUNTY

Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 100,000.00

TEHAMA COUNTY

Tehama County Mosquito and Vector Control District \$ 85,000.00

TULARE COUNTY

Tulare County Mosquito Abatement District \$ 55,551.00

TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Tuolumne County Environmental Health \$ 20,418.00