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VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONTROL FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES

INDIO, CA, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011: The eight West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples, collected in the area southeast/ southwest of Mecca near the Salton Sea, have prompted the District to schedule ultra low volume (ULV) ground applications and barrier treatments, using truck mounted sprayers, to reduce the risk of disease transmission by adult mosquitoes. Ground ULV will begin on Friday, September 9th, between 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 pm, and go on for 10 consecutive nights, weather permitting. Maps indicating the exact streets to be treated are available on the District's website at www.cvmvcd.org

All products used are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of controlling mosquitoes and protecting public health. The control product that will be used is Pyrenone 25-5[®], which is designed to be applied as an aerosol to control adult mosquitoes and flies in residential, industrial, urban, recreational, agricultural areas, and other areas. To view the product label visit our website at www.cvmvcd.org. This product will be applied

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according to label directions by our trained and certified technicians, which minimizes exposure and risk to people and the environment.

Although the District's mosquito control products pose low risk, some people may prefer to avoid exposure. To minimize exposure you should:

- Remain indoors during application in the immediate area.
- People who suffer from chemical sensitivities or feel spraying may aggravate a preexisting health condition, may consult with their physician and take special measures to avoid exposure.
- Close windows and turn off window-unit air conditioners, when spraying is taking place in the immediate area.
- Keep children's toys indoors.
- Cover outdoor fish ponds.

If you do not want your property treated please contact District staff at 760-541-6952 or visit www.cvmvcd.org and fill out a "No Treatment" form.

The District continues its extensive surveillance, prevention, and treatment programs throughout the Coachella Valley and urges residents to help reduce mosquito breeding sources by inspecting their backyards and neighborhoods for standing water sources at least once a week.

Individuals can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by taking these precautions:

- Avoid outdoor activity at dusk and dawn.
- When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- Apply insect repellent according to label instructions.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Report swimming pools and ornamental ponds that are not being maintained. Keep ornamental ponds and neglected pools free of excess vegetation.

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- Contact the District for free mosquitofish to place in your ornamental pools, neglected pools or any other container with standing water that can potentially breed mosquitoes
- Contact the District if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or work.

Contact the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at 760-342-8287 or 1-888-343-9399 to report mosquito problems, request mosquito fish, and report neglected pools or standing water. You can visit us online at www.cvmvcd.org to obtain more information and submit service requests.

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