MOSQUITO PREVENTION IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY
“CALIFORNIA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK”
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(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is requesting residents to do their part and prevent mosquito development around properties. “Realizing everyone is doing their part to shelter in place, and following the most recent rain event, this is an excellent opportunity to inspect your property for mosquito breeding sources. Dump and drain standing water and tip and toss containers. As the weather warms, the District’s staff is working to keep mosquitoes and mosquito-borne disease under control”, said Eddie Lucchesi, Manager of the District.

The District would like to make the public aware of the following issues:

1) With the recent rains followed by warmer temperatures, mosquitoes will soon begin to hatch and bite.

2) West Nile virus (WNV) is endemic to San Joaquin County. With the issues surrounding the current pandemic of COVID-19, be sure to remember the risks associated with WNV.

3) COVID-19 is not known to be transmitted by mosquitoes.

4) While the District is doing our part to follow recommendations by State and Federal governments during this pandemic, we are still working to prevent mosquito-borne disease.

5) Invasive Aedes mosquitoes (Aedes aegypti) were found during the summer of 2019 in the west Stockton area. These daytime biting mosquitoes are being closely monitored. They can spread quickly from the original site where they were first found and currently are considered a nuisance mosquito. This species is known to be a viable carrier of several mosquito-borne diseases. These diseases include Zika, chikungunya, dengue and yellow fever.

The District’s mosquito control activities include: making recommendations to property owners on methods to reduce mosquito breeding conditions; educating the public on mosquito prevention techniques, including the use of repellents; introducing mosquitofish to ponds, ditches, and other aquatic sites; and spraying areas where mosquitoes are found.

To learn more about mosquito and vector control activities in San Joaquin County, go to the District’s website at www.sjmosquito.org. To request District service, call 209.982.4675, 1.800.300.4675, or visit www.sjmosquito.org. Follow us on Facebook @SJmosquitoandvector for more tips and information.