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LABOR DAY INDICATES SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN BUT WEST NILE VIRUS CARRYING MOSQUITOES ARE STILL VERY ACTIVE

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(STOCKTON, CA) – Labor Day typically reminds us that summer is winding down. Unfortunately, mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus (WNV) remain at high levels. With Labor Day on Monday September 3, 2018 many of us will be outside enjoying friends and family. Beware of mosquitoes and protect yourself from WNV. “The District is working hard to reduce the risk of West Nile virus in humans; however, people need to take precautions when outdoors,” said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer with the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District (District).

Remember to use mosquito repellent when outdoors. Using EPA registered repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus are recommended to prevent mosquito bites and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne disease. Some products with a higher percentage of an active ingredient will work longer to protect you. Read and follow the label instructions for proper use and protection time.

Follow these tips to reduce your risk.

- 1) Apply EPA registered insect repellents. Protection times vary depending on the type and active ingredient in these products.
- 2) Wear protective clothing, such as long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- 3) Check and repair all window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- 4) Minimize outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- 5) Eliminate any standing water around your property.
- 6) Call San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District for help with significant mosquito problems.

For 2018, in San Joaquin County, there are 356 mosquito samples and 10 dead birds that have tested positive for WNV. In addition, there are 4 human cases reported in San Joaquin County by California Department of Public Health. For more information on human cases in San Joaquin County, call San Joaquin County Public Health Services at (209) 468-3411.

Report significant mosquito problems including daytime biting mosquitoes to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at www.sjmosquito.org or call (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675.

Report dead birds and tree squirrels to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

For additional information, request service, request free mosquito fish, or to sign up for the District's spray notification system, go to www.sjmosquito.org

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