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**VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 9 MORE WEST NILE
VIRUS POSITIVE MOSQUITO SAMPLES**

INDIO, CA, JUNE 25, 2010: The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District received confirmation from UC Davis of 9 more West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples in the Coachella Valley. The mosquito samples were taken from traps located in the North Shore area and south of Mecca. District will be intensifying their surveillance and larviciding in that area to reduce the number of adult mosquitoes. In addition, the District will carry out limited Adulticiding in the area south of Mecca, starting Saturday June 26 through Tuesday June 29. To date, in California, there have been 15 positive mosquito samples (2 San Bernardino County, 1 Madera County, and 12 Riverside County) and 27 dead birds (3 Los Angeles County, 2 Madera County, 1 Merced County, 1 Orange County, 1 Sacramento County, 1 San Diego, and 1 Stanislaus County, and 16 Santa Clara County) that have tested positive for the WNV. No human cases of WNV have been reported this year.

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WNV is transmitted to humans and animals through a mosquito bite. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Most individuals who are infected with WNV will not experience any illness. Others will have only mild severe in young children, the elderly, or individuals with lowered immune systems.

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.
- Contact your local mosquito and vector control agency 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, to report neglected pools or standing water. Service requests can also be submitted online at www.cvmvcd.org.

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