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Fresno County Tells Mosquitoes to “Buzz Off” During National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, June 21-27

This week has been declared the nineteenth annual “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week” by the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA). The AMCA, an international organization of nearly 2,000 public health professionals, has been dedicated to preserving the public’s health and well-being through safe, environmentally sound mosquito control programs since 1935.

Fresno County Department of Public Health is teaming up with the AMCA and local mosquito control agencies to educate the public about the significance of mosquitoes and the important services provided by mosquito control professionals.

“By taking a few simple measures, people can have a big impact in preventing the occurrence of mosquitoes and improving the quality of their lives,” points out Steve Mulligan, District Manager of the Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District and Past President of the AMCA.

To reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes or contracting mosquito-borne diseases, like West Nile virus (WNV), residents are urged to take the following precautions:

- Apply insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 according to label instructions.
- Use repellent, especially in the early morning and in the evening, when mosquitoes that carry WNV are most active.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.
- Eliminate standing water and containers that can hold water from around the home and farm.
- Contact a local mosquito abatement district to report mosquito problems, poorly maintained swimming pools that appear green, or to get FREE mosquito fish for backyard ponds, water features or horse troughs.
- Report dead birds within 24 hours of discovery (1-877-968-2473).

Residents can call the following mosquito abatement districts to speak to a representative:

Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District: 559-896-1085, 800-821-1577, www.mosquitobuzz.net

Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District: 559-268-6565, www.fresnomosquito.org

Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement District: 559-659-2437

Residents can visit the Fresno County Department of Public Health website at www.fcdph.org to download a “Heard the Buzzzzz?” brochure which contains steps to protect their family, their home, and their community from WNV. For additional information about WNV or to report dead birds, visit the California Department of Public Health website at www.westnile.ca.gov or call 1-877-968-2473.

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