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Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Fast Track Release of Additional Funds to Fight West Nile Virus

\$9 Million Awarded to 75 Agencies for Mosquito Control Efforts

Governor Schwarzenegger today announced that California's battle against West Nile virus (WNV) received a big boost with the release of \$9 million to 75 local agencies to improve and expand mosquito control across the state.

"California is facing near record temperatures this summer and more cases of West Nile are being reported each day in our state," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "My budget provided an additional \$12 million to fight this disease and we have taken action and moved quickly to get communities these essential funds to help protect Californians from the serious health threat of West Nile virus."

The funding is part of the \$12 million included in the state budget by Governor Schwarzenegger to enhance the resources of existing programs and to expand efforts in areas of the state not currently covered by mosquito control services. In less than three weeks, the California Department of Health Services reviewed county applications and awarded this new money to help counties step up the fight against WNV. Funds are being provided for mosquito control products, equipment and personnel.

"This additional funding is being provided at a critical time when West Nile virus activity is increasing dramatically in California," said Interim State Public Health Officer Dr. Howard Backer. "Vector-control agencies across the state are aggressively identifying mosquito breeding grounds and eliminating mosquito larvae. Our local partners will use this funding to expand their fight to control mosquitoes and protect the public from West Nile virus."

WNV has been detected in 45 of California's 58 counties this year. To date in 2005, there have been 31 human WNV infections, including two deaths, in the state.

Agencies were provided funding based on applications outlining their resource needs and the risk of WNV transmission in their respective regions. They were able to request up to \$200,000, or 100 percent of their budget, whichever was less. Agencies will have to submit a progress report and a detailed account of their expenditures.

The remaining \$3 million will be available beginning Aug. 1 for agencies that require additional funding due to heavy, widespread WNV activity. Agencies that did not apply for funds during the initial award cycle may also submit an application after Aug. 1.

To minimize risk of contracting West Nile virus, individuals should use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus whenever they are outside, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

For more information about WNV or to report dead birds, log on to www.westnile.ca.gov or call 1-877-968-2473.

A complete list of the agencies receiving these funds is below and attached.

The following agencies received funds:

<u>Alameda County</u>	
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	\$195,176
<u>Alpine County</u>	\$10,688
<u>Butte County</u>	
Butte County Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
Durham Mosquito Abatement District	\$88,771.96
Oroville Mosquito Abatement District	\$30,120
<u>Calaveras County</u>	
Calaveras County, Environmental Health District	\$75,000
Saddle Creek Community Services District	\$24,826
<u>Colusa County</u>	
Colusa County Health and Human Services Agency	\$100,000
Colusa Mosquito Abatement District	\$199,880
<u>Contra Costa County</u>	
Contra Costa Mosquito Vector Control District	\$149,816
<u>El Dorado County</u>	
El Dorado County Environmental Mgmt	\$82,714
<u>Fresno County</u>	
Coalinga-Huron Mosquito Abatement District	\$23,100
Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District	\$200,000
Fresno County	\$96,100
Fresno Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement District	\$200,000
<u>Glenn County</u>	
Glenn County Environmental Health Services	\$100,000
Glenn County Mosquito Vector Control District	\$158,710
<u>Humboldt County</u>	
Humboldt County Environmental Health District	\$6,206.40
<u>Imperial Valley County</u>	
Imperial Valley County Mosquito Vector Control District	\$115,005
<u>Inyo County</u>	
Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program	\$152,168
<u>Kern County</u>	
Delano Mosquito Abatement District	\$101,384.44
Kern Mosquito Vector Control District	\$183,517
South Fork Mosquito Abatement District	\$20,032
<u>Lake County</u>	
Lake County Vector Control District	\$104,843.68
<u>Lassen County</u>	
Lassen County Department of Agriculture	\$100,000

Los Angeles County

Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District	\$50,200
Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District	\$199,478
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services	\$19,425
Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Environmental Health, Vector Control Program	\$142,350.46
Pasadena Public Health/ Environmental Health Department	\$5,165
San Gabriel Valley	\$194,200

Mendocino County

Mendocino County Department of Environmental Health	\$9,256
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Merced County

Merced County Mosquito Abatement District	\$199,970
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Modoc County

City of Alturas	\$23,839
Cal Pines Community Service District	\$17,000

Mono County

June Lake Public Utilities District	\$16,000
Mono County Department of Health	\$142,901
Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District	\$49,617

Monterey County

Monterey County Health Department, Department of Environmental Health	\$11,428.84
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Napa County

Napa County Mosquito Abatement District	\$117,375.83
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Nevada County

Nevada County Department of Agriculture	\$85,828.80
County of Nevada Environmental Health Department	\$57,536

Orange County

Orange County Vector Control District	\$199,957
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Placer County

Placer County Mosquito Abatement District	\$200,000
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Riverside County

City of Blythe	\$90,535.58
City of Calimesa	\$18,000
City of Riverside Public Works	\$67,142
Coachella Valley Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
Northwest Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
Riverside County Department of Environmental Health	\$199,320.08

Sacramento-Yolo County

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control District	\$100,000
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San Benito County

San Benito County Agricultural Commissioner	\$185,500
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San Bernardino County

San Bernardino County Vector Control Program	\$192,209
West Valley Mosquito Vector Control District	\$199,986.80

<u>San Francisco County</u>	
San Francisco Public Health, Environmental Health	\$175,426.20
<u>San Joaquin County</u>	
San Joaquin County Mosquito Vector Control District	\$111,500
<u>San Luis Obispo County</u>	
San Luis Obispo County Mosquito Abatement District	\$172,649
<u>San Mateo County</u>	
San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District	\$135,628.74
<u>Santa Barbara County</u>	
Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District	\$199,553.73
<u>Santa Clara County</u>	
Santa Clara County Vector Control District	\$200,000
<u>Santa Cruz County</u>	
Santa Cruz County Vector Control District	\$198,890
<u>Shasta County</u>	
Burney Basin Mosquito Abatement District	\$115,872
Pine Grove Mosquito Abatement District	\$66,656
Shasta County Public Health Department	\$75,000
Shasta Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
<u>Solano County</u>	
Solano County Mosquito Abatement District	\$197,762.86
<u>Stanislaus County</u>	
East Side Mosquito Abatement District	\$42,293
Turlock Mosquito Abatement District	\$91,957.88
<u>Sutter-Yuba County</u>	
Sutter-Yuba Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
<u>Tehama County</u>	
Tehama County Mosquito Vector Control District	\$200,000
<u>Tulare County</u>	
Delta Vector Control District	\$200,000
Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency	\$199,943.08
Tulare County Mosquito Abatement District	\$44,862
<u>Tuolumne County</u>	
Tuolumne County Environmental Health	\$7,906

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