Good Morning,

The District received confirmation from UC Davis of 1 more West Nile virus positive (WNV) mosquito sample and 2 sentinel chickens test positive for WNV. The positives were located south of Mecca and the North and West Shore areas. This brings the total in the Coachella Valley to 66 WNV positive mosquito samples and 32 sentinel chickens that have tested positive for WNV. To date, in California, there have been 45 human cases, 1098 positive mosquito samples, 148 sentinel chickens and 333 dead birds that have tested positive for WNV.

Due to the continued WNV activity, the District will continue to intensify surveillance and control of mosquito larvae in these areas. The District remains in Emergency Planning mode. Please visit the District website for additional information and the CVMVCD Mosquito-Borne Virus Surveillance and Emergency Response Plan.

Additionally, attached is the latest Press Release from the California Department of Public Health, reporting the first human fatality from West Nile virus.

Thank You,

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