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Three Birds Test Positive for West Nile virus: Late Season Infection

Sep 13, 2010 – The West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District received confirmation that three American crows tested positive for West Nile virus. Two crows tested were from Rancho Cucamonga, one near Sapphire and Bella Vista Street and one near Milliken and Victoria Park Lane. The other was collected in Chino near Oaks Ave and National Place. This is in conjunction with another mosquito sample in Chino that was positive for the virus as well.

District Manager Min-Lee Cheng, Ph. D., said, “This is a surprise, discovering a bird positive this late in the season. Mosquito-transmitted illness is still a present danger. We need residents to remain diligent about reporting possible breeding sources and protecting themselves by using a repellent.”

The presence of positive birds this late in the season shows strong evidence of a prolonged and increased possibility of disease transmission to humans. The District urges residents to continue using a CDC recommended repellent (DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, IR3535) while outdoors during peak mosquito biting times, dusk and dawn.

More information can be viewed at www.wvmosquito.org or www.wvmvcd.org. The District phone number is 909-635-0307. The office is located at 1295 East Locust St. Ontario CA, 91761 and is open Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.