

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

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First Indication of West Nile virus in San Bernardino County

May 26, 2011 – A pool of mosquitoes sampled from Chino near Archibald and Riverside Drive has tested positive for the presence of West Nile virus. District vector ecologists collected the sample on May 16th and the sample was confirmed positive by Center for Vector-Borne Diseases, University of California at Davis on the 25th.

Dr. Min-Lee Cheng, District Manager said, "Residents need to be especially cautious with the long weekend approaching. People are beginning to spend more time later into the evening outdoors, and this puts them at risk for mosquito bites and mosquito-transmitted disease."

Brian Reisinger, Community Outreach Coordinator said, "We want people to stay vigilant about protection at all times this summer, especially now. Using insect repellent when outdoors should be an integral part of your summer gear up. Just like wearing sunscreen it is a vital part of protecting yourself and your family. If you need assistance in locating the sources of mosquitoes, or know of a suspect place, such as stagnant water or neglected swimming pools, call the district, we are here to help."

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.

For more information or an interview, please contact Dr. Min-Lee Cheng or Brian Reisinger at 909-635-0307.