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NEWS RELEASE

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SHASTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT PLANNING AERIAL SURVEILLANCE FOR NEGLECTED POOLS AND OBTAINS BLANKET WARRANT FOR NEGLECTED POOLS FOR SECOND YEAR

Early this summer, the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District (SMVCD) obtained for the second year an area warrant for the inspection and abatement of mosquito breeding in neglected pools. In conjunction with the inspection and abatement warrant, SMVCD will also be conducting our annual neglected pool aerial surveillance aimed at locating potential mosquito breeding pools.

Due to the unfortunate increase in home foreclosures and unoccupied homes, SMVCD has seen a dramatic increase in neglected pools over the past three years. "These neglected pools create the perfect habitat for mosquito production and when left untreated ultimately increase the potential for local transmission of West Nile virus (WNV)," said Peter Bonkrude District Manager for SMVCD. "The aerial surveillance and inspection/abatement warrant significantly increase the number of pools and efficiency with which we can address those pools. Without these tools, finding and treating neglected pools is a guessing game."

When a neglected pool is located by aerial survey or reported to the SMVCD, an initial attempt will be made in person for voluntary consent to enter the

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exterior of the property. SMVCD staff will be clear with the reasons, products, and techniques for the inspection and if necessary the treatment. If SMVCD does not receive consent for any reason, SMVCD will post the property for 24 hours. This notice will include the date and time of the initial attempt, the reasons for entering the exterior property, and contact information for SMVCD. During the 24 hour notice period, SMVCD shall make reasonable attempts to locate the property owner, occupant, or if applicable, the listing agent to request voluntary access to the exterior of the property. If SMVCD is unable to make contact, or if access is otherwise denied, and upon expiration of the 24 hour period SMVCD staff will again attempt to make contact at the front door and request voluntary access to the exterior of the property, if voluntary access is not provided, SMVCD will, in teams of at least two staff members, enter the exterior of the property between 8:00am and 6:00pm (Monday-Friday) to conduct inspection, testing and treatment.

Mosquitoes that breed in this type of habitat can transmit WNV. These mosquitoes commonly lay their eggs in neglected pools. The eggs hatch, and after development, adult mosquitoes emerge as flying, biting adults in as little as 7 days. One neglected swimming pool can produce thousands of these mosquitoes over the course of the summer.

Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District urges residents to report neglected pools by calling 530-365-3768 or submitting an online request at www.shastamosquito.org District residents can also call to report mosquito problems, to request FREE mosquitofish delivery or to report standing water. For more information on District services and programs, including adult mosquito control updates, please visit our website at www.shastamosquito.org .

For more information on SMVCD's Neglected Swimming Pool Program:

Warrant Link-

http://www.shastamosquito.org/sites/default/files/miscellaneous_information/Warrant%20-%202010.pdf

Fact Sheet Link-

http://www.shastamosquito.org/sites/default/files/miscellaneous_information/Neglected%20Pool%20Warrant%20Fact%20Sheet%20Final.5.24.2010doc.pdf

Brochure Link-

http://www.shastamosquito.org/sites/default/files/miscellaneous_information/Neglected%20Swimming%20Pools.pdf

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