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California Mosquito Awareness Week: April 17th-23rd

Days are heating up and spring is upon us. As we move closer toward the summer, the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District (SMVCD) personnel have been monitoring mosquito populations, tracking any potential disease occurrences, and treating areas of standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and reduce adult mosquito populations before they emerge from the water.

The record precipitation we received over the last few months will have an impact on our mosquito season. We are seeing existing sources fill with water and new sources appear in places that used to be dry. With this amount of water, and as nighttime temperatures get warmer, mosquito production will increase dramatically. This increase in mosquitoes can also increase the risk for mosquito bites and potentially disease transmission. “We really need everyone to do their part to reduce any and all standing water on their property, wear mosquito repellent and call the District with any mosquito concerns,” said District Manager, Peter Bonkrude.

To raise awareness and educate Californians about the threat of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases, SMVCD and the California Legislature declared April 17th-23rd, 2023 as California Mosquito Awareness Week. To highlight the week, and get brochures, repellents, and information out to Shasta County residents, the Sundial Bridge in Redding, CA will be lit-up green on Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2023. On Friday, April 21, 2023, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, join District staff at the Domke Plaza in front of the Sundial Bridge.

As the days become warmer and residents begin spending an increased amount of time outdoors during dusk and dawn, the risk of mosquito bites also increases. SMVCD is charged with protecting the health of the District residents from mosquito and vector-borne diseases, but they cannot do it alone. SMVCD staff urges residents to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites by implementing the **4 Ds** of protection:

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- **Drain** any standing water that may produce mosquitoes, including old tires, buckets, gutters, and flowerpots and saucers. Some species of mosquitoes can lay their eggs in very small sources of water, like a bottle cap.
- **Defend** yourself and your home by using an effective insect repellent and making sure screens on doors and windows are in good condition.
- **Dusk or Dawn**, avoid outside activities during peak mosquito feeding times.
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when mosquitoes are active.

For more information about SMVCD's services, West Nile virus, or new emerging mosquito-borne diseases, contact the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District at (530) 365-3768 or visit www.ShastaMosquito.org.

2023 Shasta County West Nile virus activity: **0** dead birds, **0** sentinel chickens, **0** mosquito samples, and **0** humans tested positive for West Nile virus. California West Nile virus activity: **0** dead birds, **0** sentinel chickens, **2** mosquito samples, and **0** humans tested positive for West Nile virus.

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