



Encinitas

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PRESENCE OF WEST NILE VIRUS MOSQUITO - BORNE VIRUS DETECTED IN ENCINITAS

The San Diego County Department of Environmental Health Service, Vector Control Program, reported a mosquito sample obtained within the City of Encinitas tested positive for the West Nile virus. Trapping and testing of mosquitoes are part of a routine monitoring system conducted by the Vector Control Program throughout San Diego County. Samples collected on August 28, 2008 were forwarded to the University of California Davis for analysis. One mosquito sample collected from the Encinitas Creek watershed area, in the vicinity of El Camino Real, was found to be positive for the virus.

County Vector Control will be conducting the following actions:

- Establish additional mosquito traps in the area and sample forwarding to UC Davis for testing.
- Mailing out precautionary letters to residents within in the vicinity of the positive sample site.
- Search adjacent water way and storm water drainage courses for evidence of mosquito breeding and conduct appropriate eradication methods.
- Canvass the neighborhood and conduct aerial search for unmaintained swimming pools.

- Continued public education on personal protection from mosquito bites, updates on West Nile virus in San Diego County, and measures on mosquito breeding prevention.

The City of Encinitas is providing its full cooperation and assistance to County Vector Control in addressing educational and preventative measures.

For information on the West Nile virus visit www.SDFightTheBite.com. To report un maintained swimming pools or other mosquito breeding sites, contact San Diego County Vector Control at (858) 694-2888.

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