

Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**DATE: July 22, 2004****HEADLINE: Additional Fogging at Arboretum Unnecessary****BODY:**

Authorities at the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District were pleased with the results of last Tuesday's early morning fogging at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden in the City of Arcadia. Trap set Tuesday evening revealed nearly a 70% reduction in the mean number of mosquitoes per trap.

Kenn Fujioka, Assistant Manager for the District reports "The weather conditions were perfect. The inversion layer and lack of winds kept the fog exactly where we wanted it." He added, "An additional treatment is unnecessary at this time, however, we will continue to monitor mosquito populations and disease transmission throughout the summer."

Fogging with truck-mounted and hand-held ultra low volume (ULV) sprayers was conducted during the predawn hours Tuesday, July 20, by District employees on the grounds of the Arboretum only. The adulticide Scourge[®] was selected based on environmental conditions at the site, and to provide the best, and most targeted control of mosquitoes while minimizing risks to wildlife species present in the Arboretum.

"Although these results look great to us, we know there are still mosquitoes out there – no control method can kill every insect. We remind visitors that attend the evening concert series at the Arboretum to make sure they wear repellents containing DEET" Fujioka notes. A 30% concentration of DEET will provide about 5 hours of protection from mosquito bites and is highly recommended. Non-DEET repellents are effective for only very short periods of time and should not be relied upon if outdoors for more than 20 minutes.

In California, West Nile virus has sickened 35 people, and has now caused one death. Today's confirmed death of an Orange County resident due to West Nile virus

underscores the very real need for residents to take precautions. West Nile virus is preventable. We hope everyone will understand the seriousness of this illness and not take unnecessary risks with their health.

Current statistics on WNV can be obtained at www.westnile.com or <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/> .

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