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Another Bird Test Positive for West Nile Virus

(Cotati), California November 13, 2007-The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) received confirmation from the California State Health Department that one (1) bird tested positive for West Nile virus in Sonoma County.

The bird was were reported from the following location:

Sonoma County: *One (1) American Crow submitted on 11/08/07 from the area of Bower Street in Sebastopol.*

2007 West Nile virus activity:

Sonoma County: 2 equine cases, 1 human, 19 birds, 0 squirrels, 0 sentinel chickens, 1 mosquito pool have tested positive for West Nile virus.

Marin County: 4 birds have tested positive for West Nile virus.

2006 West Nile virus activity:

Sonoma County: 21 dead birds, 1 equine fatality, 2 mosquito pools, 0 humans, 1 sentinel chicken tested positive for West Nile virus.

Marin County: 8 dead birds, 1 equine fatality, 3 mosquito pools, 1 human, 1 Western Gray squirrel, 2 sentinel chickens tested positive for West Nile virus.

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on an infected bird. Symptoms of WNV range from mild flu-like conditions, such as fever, headache, and nausea to a stiff neck, restlessness, stupor, delirium, and convulsions. Most cases are mild; however, fatalities can occur in extreme cases.

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District is a public health agency funded by property taxes and committed to protecting the public from mosquitoes and mosquito-borne disease. Please visit our website for more information www.msosquito.com or call us toll-free at 1-800-231-3236.

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