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The Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Urges Residents to Prepare for Mosquito Season Following Historic Rains

Lancaster, CA– After a few cold and rainy months, the recent warm weather in the Antelope Valley can mean residents will soon see an increase in mosquito activity. The Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (AVMVCD) joined public health officials, agencies, and cities statewide to promote California Mosquito Awareness Week from April 16th through the 22nd. This statewide campaign raises awareness about the public health threat mosquitoes pose to our communities and encourages residents to prevent mosquito breeding year-round.

“Residents should inspect their property and eliminate any stagnant water they can find. Rain events leave standing water in backyards, creating perfect conditions for mosquitoes to develop” said Brenna Bates Grubb, Community Outreach Specialist at the AVMVCD.

While the District monitors and controls mosquito populations in public spaces year-round, other common sources of mosquitoes include residential yards and patios. “Mosquito

Awareness Week is a reminder that mosquitoes are here, and we all need to work together to remove standing water to protect our communities from disease-spreading mosquitoes,” said Bates-Grubb “No water equals no mosquitoes.”

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility, and residents must take an active role in reducing the threat of mosquitoes and mosquito-transmitted diseases in their neighborhoods by taking the following steps:

- Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district
- Wear EPA-recommended insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present.
- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for over a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths, and other small containers weekly.
- Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.

To stay up-to-date on any mosquito related information, check out our website at www.avmosquito.org.

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