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Sentinel Chickens Located at Madrona Marsh Tested Positive for West Nile Virus

Torrance, Calif., September 15, 2011 – Last month mosquitoes collected at the Madrona Marsh were confirmed positive for West Nile virus (WNV) by the Los Angeles West Vector Control. Yesterday, two (2) Chickens from the Sentinel Flock tested positive for West Nile Virus.

According to West Vector, there have been 96 separate zip codes in Los Angeles County that have recorded positive WNV results from either dead birds, trapped adult mosquitoes, or sentinel chicken flocks.

Although the chickens were infected, the precautions recommended last month have not changed. Residents can protect themselves from WNV by doing the following:

- By applying repellents containing DEET, picaradin, IR3535, and oil of lemon.
- Avoid this area during early morning and evening (Mosquitoes primarily bite during this time).
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, repair screens, keep doors and windows tight.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Tracy Drake, Nature Center Manager at (310) 782-3989 or visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/News.htm.

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