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Jeff:

WN Background-

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/wnv_factsheet.htm

West Nile virus arrived in US in 1999 and has rapidly moved across the country. Has been in Ca since 2002 and is now endemic. The West Nile virus is primarily spread by two different species- Culex tarsalis and Culex quinquefasciatus. These are very common in the Central Valley and especially in Kings County. In 2005 we had our worst year with 32 human cases and 3 deaths. Last year we detected a lot of activity but only one human case. Now in 2007 we have 2 human cases and one blood donor that tested positive. Toward the end of July we noticed a decrease in activity but that has changed and our latest surveillance indicates an increase in virus activity. Surrounding Mosquito Districts have also detected increased activity. We continue to monitor the situation, but feel it prudent to start our emergency planning which includes the possibility of aerial applications over populated areas. The local FAA office is requiring that we obtain permission from the County Cities in order to conduct any aerial applications.

We just had a company from Livermore take aerial photos to help detect green pools and by the time I talk to the Council I should have more information on results.

The letter for the contractor would be permission to start aerial application when the District determines that the threat level is high enough that we must take additional steps to protect public health. We will be doing this at the beginning of each year now that we know it is a requirement. I would notify both the Board of Supervisors and any City that might be treated prior to the application taking place.

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