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WEST NILE VIRUS

There have been several reports of dead birds testing positive for West Nile Virus in the Stevenson Ranch community and in La Mirada, and information on receding and stagnant pools providing prime mosquito-breeding grounds. This continues to provide increased validation that West Nile Virus is now epidemic in Los Angeles County, and we must be particularly vigilant to prevent human cases of the virus this summer.

Though the Department of Public Health has been educating the community on methods to combat West Nile Virus, more proactive measures must be taken. It is integral that West Nile control is achieved through mosquito control by elimination of mosquito breeding sites, larviciding active breeding areas, and education on West Nile Virus prevention.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Directors of Public Health and Public Works to continue supporting local Vector Control organizations to investigate and clear open water ways that harbor mosquito breeding; and
2. Direct the Director of Public Health to provide a report back to the Board in 30 days on the implementation of the West Nile Virus awareness and surveillance program which is a cooperative relationship with the Mosquito Vector Control Districts, the State, and the Centers for Disease Control.
3. Direct the Director of Public Health to work with the local Vector Control districts and report back to the Board in 30 days on the feasibility of adding coverage in the unincorporated areas.

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