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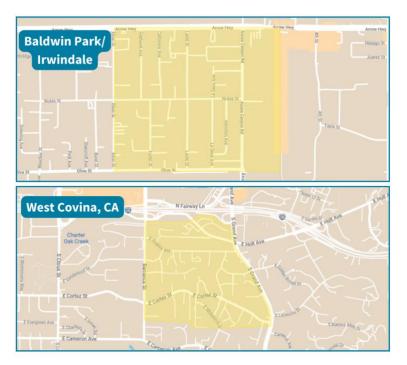
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## Mosquito Control Treatments Scheduled in Baldwin Park and West Covina

West Covina, Calif. (October 10, 2024) — The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD/District) will be conducting residential mosquito control applications via truck in the cities of Baldwin Park and West Covina. The application is being conducted in an effort to reduce the number of mosquitoes in the area and the risk of mosquito-borne disease in the community. SGVMVCD will use ultra-low volume adulticide and low volume larvicide applications to target mosquitoes at multiple stages to control the population and reduce the risk of mosquitoborne disease.

The treatments will be conducted Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> between 12AM – 5AM. The Baldwin Park treatment will occur in the area between Elton Street and Azusa Canyon Road, south of Arrow Highway and north of Olive Street. The West Covina treatment will occur in the area between Barranca Street and South Grand Avenue, south of the 10 Freeway and north of East Cameron Drive.



SGVMVCD technicians will be applying Aquaduet which contains Sumithrin and Prallethrin, active ingredients formulated to mimic the properties in chrysanthemum flowers. Since the material is suspended in water, the application will not harm the finishes on cars or homes. Additionally, VectoBac WDG will be used, which contains Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. israelensis, a naturally occurring bacterium found in soils. If weather conditions are not favorable, or if there are operational delays, the application may be postponed or delayed.

Every effort will be made to notify residents in the treatment areas through physical postings, social media, Nextdoor, and news media. The public is also encouraged to visit the District's website (<a href="www.SGVmosquito.org">www.SGVmosquito.org</a>) for the latest information on mosquito activities.

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and as

mosquito activity increases, residents must take an active role in reducing the threat of mosquito-borne diseases to themselves and in their neighborhoods.

Follow the tips below to reduce mosquito populations on your property:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs, or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths, and other small containers weekly.
- Report neglected swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.

Follow the tips below to prevent mosquito bites:

- Apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin before going outdoors and reapply as recommended on the label.
- Wear insect repellent containing CDC and EPA approved active ingredients: DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

For more information about the mosquito control treatments in Baldwin Park and West Covina, visit www.PublicHealthMosquito.org. Residents can contact the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at 626-814-9466, online at SGVmosquito.org, or on social media: <u>Facebook</u>, X, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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## **About SGVMVCD**

SGVMVCD is one of five vector control districts in Los Angeles County. Year-round, the agency monitors stagnant water sources, such as gutters, storm drains, channels and non-functional swimming pools. The agency also routinely monitors populations of adult mosquitoes using traps and tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of <u>WNV</u> and other mosquito-borne diseases. In addition, the agency submits samples from dead birds, such as crows, for testing, which can provide insight into the spread of WNV.