

MARIN COUNTY
WEST NILE VIRUS TASK FORCE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, October 15, 2007
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

899 Northgate Drive, 4th Floor Conference Room
San Rafael, CA 94903

Attendees: Fred Schwartz MD (Chair), Anju Goel, Andrew Horvath, Nancy Barnard, Marty Castro, Bobbi Kimball, Cindy Machado, Neil Trent, Linda Ferguson, Ed Schulze, Ron Keith, Stacy Carlson, Shanna Cronan, Rob Ruiz, Phil Smith, Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

Handouts: Agenda, WNV Task Force Surveillance Update

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Fred Schwartz opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. All attendees introduced themselves.	None.
WNV Task Force Surveillance Update	<p>Andrew Horvath presented the WNV Task Force Surveillance Update:</p> <p><u>National:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national table provides data as of October 9, 2007, the states where human infections have occurred being shown in red. This table shows California as having had 322 human infections. <p><u>California:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California table shows 343 human infections in California as of October 12, 2007, covering 30 counties. There have been 14 fatalities. • There has been WNV activity in 51 of the 58 California counties. There have been 25 positive horses, 1,284 positive dead birds, 980 positive mosquito pools, 427 positive sentinel chickens and 25 	Loretta Rogers will post the map on the WNV web site.

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	<p>positive squirrels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the human cases 191 were WNF (56%), 145 were WNND (42%) and seven (2%) were unknown. <p><u>Bay Area:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of October 12, 2007, there have been nine human infections in the Bay Area counties, none in Marin and one in Sonoma County. There have been two equine cases, both in Sonoma. <p><u>Marin:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been very little WNV activity detected in Marin County this year. So far, there have been only three positive dead birds. <p>Andrew Horvath also presented a map of Marin County showing the locations of infections from 2004 to 2007. Loretta Rogers will post the map on the WNV web page.</p>	
MSMVCD Update	<p>Ron Keith reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the two horse cases in Sonoma County, one was in Santa Rosa in January; the other was in a rural area in Petaluma. Investigation showed three vector mosquitoes in that area. An update regarding the number of positive dead birds in Sonoma and Marin. A positive mosquito pool was located in Healdsburg near a Seventh Day Adventist school. The problem was isolated to their sewer pumps. 	None.
Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2007 WNVTF Meeting	<p>As copies of the minutes were not available for review and minor corrections sent by Stacey Henderson had been made, Loretta Rogers will send out today via email the revised minutes with the changes highlighted to all WNVTF members, asking for their review and corrections. Members will have one week to review and respond.</p>	Loretta Rogers will send via email the revised minutes of the August 20, 2007 meeting with the revision highlighted. Members will have one week to review and respond.
Risk Communication Committee Update	<p>Linda Ferguson reviewed Risk Communications efforts in 2007 and goals for 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six outreach people were trained this year. Outreach was done in Novato, San Rafael, Marin City and West 	None.

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	<p>Marin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No data concerning the number of people reached is available. <i>First Five</i> was supposed to have been collecting data and producing a report but the report has not been received yet. At the Salsa Festival, numbers were collected; over 100 people were contacted. • We are participating in all but one of the bi-national events. • Goal for next year: Try to identify potential outreach workers earlier so that they can be trained earlier. Also, we will try to get the funds earlier. <p>Stacy Carlsen stated that he will work to add a line item in his budget for next year so that when donations come in from organizations outside the County, these funds can be placed in this line item.</p> <p>Shanna Cronan expressed appreciation for the efforts of all involved.</p> <p>Anju Goel stated that there are lots of brochures left over which can be used next year.</p>	
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p>Fred Schwartz reported that he had done a 7-minute video interview on West Nile Virus for the G-channel. Gerry Kay is the producer. Dr. Schwartz recommended taking advantage of the G Channel as a venue for public education.</p>	None.
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p>Bobbi Kimball reported that after long negotiations the West Marin Council and the MSMVCD have signed an agreement regarding mosquito and vector control in West Marin. It is in time for the 2008 season. All participants are very pleased.</p>	None.
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p>Ron Keith reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSMVCD has received \$14,000 from the State for aerial fly-overs. • The California DPH is sending a representative to examine the Canal Area for resistant mosquitos. Because of the location of standing water in this area, MSMVCD cannot use a larvicide • We are looking into a notification system for special groups, perhaps 	None.

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	a reverse 991 or other system.	
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p>Phil Smith reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have acquired from Sonoma County a bilingual inspector for West Marin to inspect people’s septic systems. He will start in a couple of weeks. 	None.
Date for the Next Meeting	<p>Fred Schwartz proposed that this be the last WNVTF meeting of 2007. He further proposed that the first meeting of 2008 be on the third Monday of April 2008 (April 21, 2008), and that future meetings occur on the third Monday of every other month thereafter with the June 2008 meeting being open to the public.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded that Dr. Schwartz’ proposal be adopted.</p> <p>The motion was unanimously approved.</p>	None.
Adjournment	<p><i>The next WNVTF meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. The location will be the fourth floor conference room at 899 Northgate, San Rafael, CA 94903. Dr. Fred Schwartz will chair the meeting.</i></p>	Adjourned at 11:30 AM.