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MOTION

KABC recently reported that a man in his 60's, living in the San Fernando Valley, is the first person to die this year in Los Angeles County from the West Nile Virus (Virus). Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) officials say the man had pre-existing health conditions before he was hospitalized and eventually died of the Virus.

It has been further reported that 69 cases of West Nile Virus have been identified in Los Angeles County this year. Also, 246 mosquito pools, 60 dead birds and 100 sentinel chickens throughout Los Angeles County have tested positive for the Virus. In 2013, there were 165 reported human cases of the Virus and of this number, 122 people were hospitalized and nine people died.

Public health officials advise that the risk of being infected by the Virus can be reduced by the following:

- Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Use repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of eucalyptus, when used as directed, are effective defenses against mosquitoes.
- Check your window screens for holes.
- Do not allow water to collect and stagnate in old tires, flowerpots, swimming pools, birdbaths, pet bowls, or other containers. These are prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; drain water from pool covers.
- Stock garden ponds with goldfish or other mosquito-eating fish.
- Empty and wash birdbaths and wading pools weekly.

Public Health officials strongly advise residents that the risk of contracting the Virus can be reduced by following simple precautions such as getting rid of pools of stagnant water near their homes and using mosquito repellent containing DEET while outdoors.

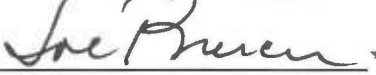
With respect to pools of stagnant water near homes, various locations in Council District 12 have been identified where the pooling of stagnant water exists within the roadway. Some of these pools have signs of active mosquito infestation.

Given the risks posed by mosquitoes bearing the Virus, it is urgent that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to inspect the identified locations, and develop and implement a plan to abate the pooling of stagnant water at those locations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to develop and implement the necessary actions to abate the pooling of stagnant water at the following locations in Council District 12: intersection of Zelzah Avenue and Kinzie Street near California State University Northridge; south side of Kinzie Street and White Oak Street; 18689 Horace Street (Horace Street and Celtic Avenue); corner of Canby Avenue and Blackhawk Street; 17918 Raymer Street; intersection of Devonshire Street and Oso Avenue; and, 9612 Shoshone Avenue.


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