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PRESS RELEASE

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC INVITED TO APRIL 17, 2006

WEST NILE VIRUS TASK FORCE MEETING

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The next Marin County West Nile Virus (WNV) Task Force meeting will be held from 10am-12 noon on Monday April 17, 2006. It will take place in the Community Conference Room on the first floor of the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership at 555 Northgate Drive in San Rafael (telephone number 415-479-5710). Members of the public are invited to attend. The Marin County WNV Task Force is a multi-agency collaborative which has been meeting monthly since August 2002, to promote awareness and knowledge about WNV and its prevention, and to help the county prepare for and respond to WNV in our community. The public will also be invited to the July 17, 2006 Task Force meeting.

As West Nile Season approaches, Marin County residents can take some simple steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites by avoiding being outside during mosquito-prone times (dawn, dusk, and early evening), wearing long sleeves and long pants when outdoors especially at night, and using a repellent containing DEET or Picaridin on exposed skin. Follow the label directions when using any repellent. Also be sure to look around your home, property and neighborhood and empty any standing water from containers such as flower pots, tires, and gutters. Screens on porches and windows will keep mosquitoes from getting into your home and should be well maintained.

For more information, please visit the Marin County WNV webpage at <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/Main/hs/PublicHealth/WNV/WNV.cfm>