

**MARIN COUNTY**  
**WEST NILE VIRUS TASK FORCE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, June 30, 2008**  
**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**899 Northgate Drive**  
**San Rafael, CA 94903**

*Attendees: Fred Schwartz MD (Chair), Rob Ruiz, Vic Amoroso, Lynn Murrin, Cindy Machado, Phil Smith, Marty Castro, Bruce Badzik, Stacy Carlson, Ron Keith, Linda Ferguson, Ed Schulze*

*Members of the Public: Stacey Henderson*

*Handouts: Agenda, WNV Task Force Surveillance Update, Articles from West Marin Citizen and Point Reyes Light*

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcome and Introductions	<b>Fred Schwartz</b> opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.  All attendees introduced themselves.	None.
WNV Task Force Surveillance Update	<b>Fred Schwartz</b> presented the WNV Surveillance Update as Andrew Horvath was on vacation: <u>California:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WNV activity in California in 2008, updated as of 6/27/08, was reviewed.</li><li>• There was one human case in Tulare County. This was a 58-year-old woman who showed symptoms in late May. She was not hospitalized and later fully recovered.</li></ul>	None.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been one positive horse so far this year, located in Riverside County. This case was reported just this week.</li> <li>• In 2008, 19 counties out of 58 have reported WNV activity.</li> <li>• Last year at this time 21 counties had reported WNV activity. There were two human cases, two positive horses, 100 positive dead birds, 73 positive mosquito pools and two positive sentinel chickens. The only number which shows an increase this year over last year is in positive dead birds. This year there have been 184 positive birds.</li> </ul> <p><u>National:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second hand-out shows 2008 WNV activity in the United States as of June 24, 2008, as reported by the CDC.</li> </ul> <p><u>Marin:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of this date, no WNV activity has been reported in Marin County.</li> </ul>	
MSMVCD Update	<p><b>Ron Keith</b> reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSMVCD is focusing this year away from sentinel chicken flocks. We have four this year instead of the usual seven.</li> <li>• MSMVCD is focusing more on detecting live virus in mosquito populations. So far, 916 mosquito pools have been tested. All were negative. Tests of 39 more pools are still pending.</li> <li>• MSMVCD has processed 105 dead birds so far this year, 28 from Marin and 77 from Sonoma. All were negative. Last year at this time MSMVCD had processed 190 dead birds; the total for 2007 was 387, 244 of which were from Sonoma and 143 from Marin.</li> <li>• Operational efforts: MSMVCD is monitoring pasture land near Laguna de Santa Rosa and Novato Sanitary District.</li> <li>• MSMVCD has noted an increase in <i>culex pipiens</i> due to the dry weather.</li> </ul>	None.
Approval of Minutes of the April 21, 2008 WNVTF Meeting	<p><b>Fred Schwartz</b> introduced the minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting which were emailed to all WNV Task Force members, asking if any changes need to be made. None were offered.</p>	The minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting were approved.

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Risk Communication Committee Update	<p><b>Linda Ferguson</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She and Shanna Cronan met to discuss funding issues, etc.</li> <li>• She has not yet heard back from David Escobar who was to contact the outreach workers trained last year to see if they can work on outreach this year. Until Dave makes these contacts, we will not know the scope of our efforts for 2008. Even if all the previous outreach workers do not return, we will not be training new workers this year.</li> <li>• Our only outreach planned so far this year is at the County Fair where Public Health Nursing will have a booth. We have run out of copies of the Marin-specific brochure, but we have a lot of the State brochures, in both English and Spanish, so we will use those. We will be giving away DEET wipes</li> <li>• We still have not determined which agencies will contribute funds so that the outreach workers can be paid.</li> </ul>	Linda will contact David Escobar regarding outreach workers. Linda will work with Stacy Carlsen and David Escobar to determine which agencies will contribute funds so that outreach workers can be paid.
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p><b>Fred Schwartz</b> reported that WNV Guidelines for Clinicians had been disseminated and posted on the WNV website, which included information on diagnosis, treatment and reporting.</p>	None.
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p><b>Vic Amoroso</b> reported that two articles have been published, giving the public an update on mosquito control. They were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Your Mosquito Control Update” in the <i>West Marin Citizen</i> on May 15, 2008, written by Liza Goldblatt, Natalie Gates and Bobbi Kimball.</li> <li>• “Update from the West Marin Mosquito Control” in the <i>Point Reyes Light</i>, on May 15, 2008, also written by Liza Goldblatt, Natalie Gates and Bobbi Kimball.</li> </ul> <p>Copies of both articles were handed out to attendees.</p>	None.
Late Breakers / Roundtable	<p><b>Ed Schultze</b> reported that his agency is accepting bids from vendors on notification systems in case aerial spraying becomes necessary for WNV.</p>	None.

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Open Time for Public	<p><b>Stacey Henderson</b> reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has received no calls.</li> <li>• She brought in two dead birds for testing; however, they were probably too deteriorated.</li> <li>• Right now, West Marin is concentrating on the wildfires so WNV is not getting much attention. Stacey will raise the issue again when the current concerns are past.</li> <li>• The situation with regard to WNV has much improved in West Marin. We've come a long way.</li> </ul>	None.
The Next WNVTF Meeting	<p><b>Fred Schwartz</b> stated that the next WNVTF meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2008 at 899 Northgate Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.</p> <p>If a meeting is needed in July, it will be scheduled on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis.</p>	
Adjournment	<p><i>The next WNVTF meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. The location will be the 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room at 899 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903. Dr. Fred Schwartz will chair the meeting.</i></p>	Adjourned.