

City Of Piedmont
Council Agenda Report

DATE: September 20, 2004

FROM: Lawrence A. Rosenberg, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: **CITY OF PIEDMONT RESPONSE TO WEST NILE VIRUS INCIDENT**

In response to the City's first verified incident of West Nile Virus, an infected squirrel, the City is continuing a comprehensive program to eradicate standing water in parks, creeks, catch basins and at City owned facilities as has been the practice for the past year. As part of the City's response, staff has had the full cooperation of Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District in training City maintenance personnel, providing informational brochures, responding to resident and staff inquiries and supplying the City with bacterial pellets and hormone bricked to deposit in standing water.

The following actions have been taken by the City:

- A letter mailed to each homeowner with informational brochures.
- A press release to all newspapers.
- "West Nile Virus" video produced by KCOM-TV Channel 27 (airs daily at 8:00 am, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.)
- A "West Nile Virus" alert on the KCOM-TV reader board and city website.
- Maintenance staff activities
 - Standing water in Bushy Dell Creek (Main Park), and all creeks have been addressed either by debris removal or mosquito suppressant.
 - All catch basins have been monitored and treatment has been applied as needed.
 - Staff will continue to monitor all creeks and catch basins until mosquito season ends.
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The Mosquito Abatement District evaluated and treated the area (Portsmouth Road, Harvard Road, Prospect Road, Annerley Road, Wildwood Avenue, Oakmont Road, and adjacent areas) where the diseased animal was found.