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MADRONA MARSH TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Torrance, Calif., Aug. 5, 2013 -- In review of the findings and data presented by Los Angeles County Vector Control, and as a precautionary measure, the City of Torrance will be closing the Madrona Marsh Preserve. The Preserve will remain closed until additional data is provided by Vector Control.

It is important to note that the Preserve is amongst the very last areas affected locally. This is due to the excellent daily mosquito monitoring and as-needed-treatment by City Staff and the staff at the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District. City and/or Vector Control Staff are on the Preserve daily, ensuring that the mosquito population remains low or absent. Again, the health and safety of our citizens is our highest priority. We will continue to be diligent as we monitor the situation carefully and will notify the public as soon as possible about the re-opening of the Preserve.

We advise citizens to follow the recommendations below, which are issued yearly by the Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District. This agency protects our city by monitoring mosquitoes and other animal populations that may carry disease.

Recommendations for all citizens city-wide include:

OUTDOORS:

- AVOID ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes may be most active.
- APPLY MOSQUITO REPELLENT containing the active ingredient DEET when outside. Follow instructions on the label carefully.
- WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (loose, light colored, long-sleeve shirts and pants.)

AT HOME:

- MOSQUITO-PROOF YOUR HOME with tight fitting screens on windows and doors.
- ELIMINATE STANDING WATER around your property.