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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Committee Seeking Applicants To Finish At-Large Term**

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization is seeking applicants to finish out an unexpired term for a countywide member-at-large.

The seat was vacated when Duneen DeBruhl of Victorville resigned in October.

Applicants, who must be a registered voter in San Bernardino County, need to apply by Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. The committee will consider qualified candidates for the appointment at its regular meeting on Dec. 19. The interest form for applying for the position can be downloaded from the County Committee website at: [http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/countyCommittee/downloads/12-12\\_CoCmte\\_Interest\\_Form.doc](http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/countyCommittee/downloads/12-12_CoCmte_Interest_Form.doc).

County Committee members cannot be employed by a school district in any county, community college district or county superintendent office.

The 11-member committee deals with proposed changes to school district organization issues, including number of trustees, trustee and school district boundary areas, and unification.

For more information about the committee or application, contact Dennis Mobley, acting secretary to the County Committee, by phone at (909) 386-2947 or via email at [dennis\\_mobley@sbcss.k12.ca.us](mailto:dennis_mobley@sbcss.k12.ca.us).

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## County programs honored by state organization

SAN BERNARDINO – County programs aimed at helping former prison inmates lead productive lives, providing services to low-income families, and helping needy seniors receive proper nutrition were honored today as among the best county programs in the state.

California State Association of Counties Interim Executive Director Steve Keil was on hand at today's Board of Supervisors meeting to personally hand out CSAC Challenge Awards to the County Probation, Preschool Services, and Aging & Adult Services departments.

The annual CSAC Challenge Awards are a highly competitive recognition program that honors the best and most innovative programs and services among California's 58 counties. San Bernardino County claimed three of the 37 total awards bestowed by the organization for 2012.

"This is a proud day for San Bernardino County and for our dedicated employees," said Board of Supervisors Chair Josie Gonzales. "These coveted awards send a message to our residents that their county is among the best in the state in terms of working hard and working smart to create better communities where families and businesses can thrive and prosper."

The top award given by CSAC is the California Counties Innovation Award, and the San Bernardino County Probation Department claimed one of only two such awards handed out this year for its AB 109 Realignment Program.

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Assembly Bill 109 transferred state prison inmates deemed “low-level offenders” back to their home communities. San Bernardino County coped with this potential threat to public safety with a Probation Department program that provided one-stop health care and job training and placement to these released inmates.

The Probation Department formed a partnership with a variety of other county departments to provide these services at three Day Reporting Centers located throughout the county. The program also involves Probation and law enforcement monitoring of the former inmates.

The program is credited with lowering the recidivism rate for parolees in the county from 81 percent to 22 percent.

CSAC also honored the County Department of Aging & Adult Services with a Merit Award for its CalFresh Senior Outreach Partnership, which strives to assist eligible seniors in applying for nutritional benefits.

Seniors who are eligible for nutritional benefits, once known as Food Stamps, are less likely to apply for these benefits than other sectors of the population. Seniors have found the traditional application process daunting, and they tend to be sensitive about any stigma attached with receiving government assistance. As a result, they run the risk of going without the nutrition they need and for which they qualify.

The award-winning program involves Aging & Adult Services partnering with the County Transitional Assistance Department to bring the application process to places where seniors congregate rather than requiring them to visit a county office.

Before the project was launched, 7,135 seniors received CalFresh benefits through the county. One year into the program, 8,959 seniors were receiving benefits, an increase of more than 25 percent.

A CSAC Merit Award was also presented to the County Department of Preschool Services for working with the City of San Bernardino to reopen the Nicholson Park Family Learning and Community Resource Center, which the city had closed two years earlier in the wake of city budget reductions.

Since the reopening, the center has provided a place for 926 children to do their homework and 1,777 families to search for jobs in one of the city’s most depressed and dangerous neighborhoods.



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## NEWS RELEASE

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### *Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center is Sending Pets Home for the Holidays*

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 15, 2012

**Rancho Cucamonga, California** – Help the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center and Upland Animal Services kick off “Home for the Holidays” by joining us for a fundraiser and pet adoption event on Saturday December 1, 2012.

Start off with breakfast or lunch at Pine Haven Café, located at 1191 E. Foothill Blvd. in Upland, for a fundraiser benefiting both Animal Centers. Pine Haven Café will donate 18% of the proceeds from all transactions from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to help our homeless pets.

Then join us for a Super Pet Adoption Event at Upland Animal Shelter, located at 1275 San Bernardino Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have dogs, cats, and rabbits available for adoption along with special adoption fees (Dogs - \$50; Cats (4+ months) - \$45; and Rabbits - \$40). You can also get your very own Winter Wonderland Pet Pictures from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a \$10 donation. All adopters at this event will be entered into a drawing for an iPod Nano.

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If you are unable to attend the event, the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center will offer special “Home for the Holidays” adoption promotions. Adopt a dog, cat, or rabbit from the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center in the month of December and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 PetSmart gift card. We will also have special gifts for featured pets throughout the month. You can create your own fundraiser to help send pets “Home for the Holidays” by checking out our Firstgiving page at [www.firstgiving.com/rcpets](http://www.firstgiving.com/rcpets). Set up your own team and encourage friends, family, and co-workers to help you fundraise on-line. Or stop by the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center and get your 2013 cute and cuddly RCPets calendar for only \$5 and a Goldie or Raisin plush toy (\$5-\$10).

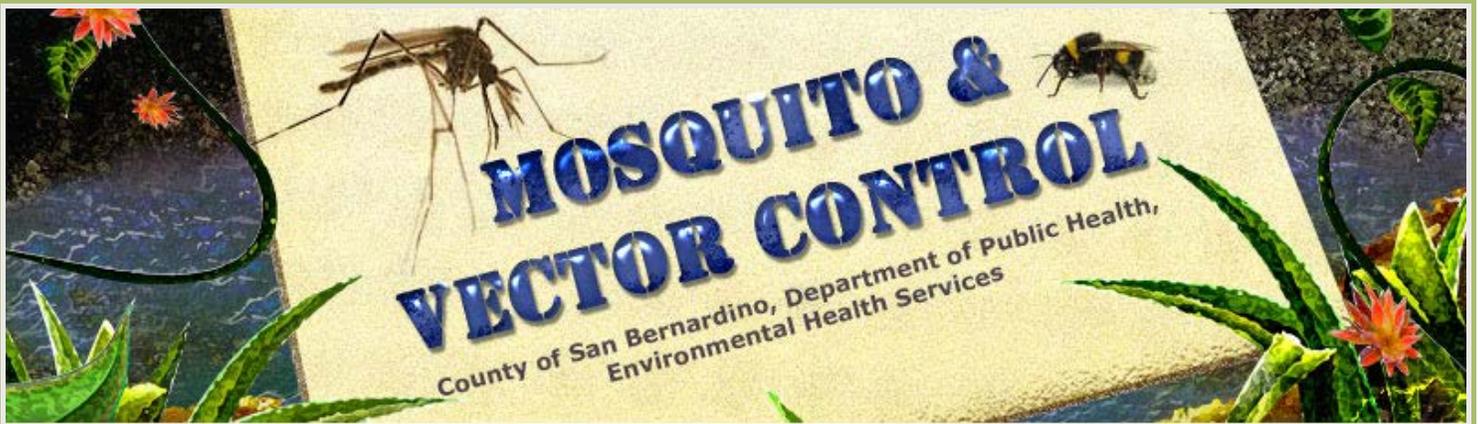
Proceeds from these events will go back to the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center’s Behavior and Enrichment Program which helps increase the adoptability of the pets at the Center and finds them their forever home.

**For More Information** – For additional information about the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center, please visit [www.RCPets.info](http://www.RCPets.info), call (909) 466-PETS (7387), or visit the Center at 11780 Arrow Route. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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## **Annual Living Nativity**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is presenting their annual Living Nativity event, “A Celebration of the Birth of Christ” December 6-8 from 6:30-8:30. Live shows will run each evening at 6:30, 7:15 and 8:00. Located at 6829 Etiwanda Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga, this **free** outdoor activity will include music, live actors, real animals (petting zoo), refreshments and an authentic stroll through the town of Bethlehem. All surrounding communities are invited to attend. For more information go to [livingnativityrc.com](http://livingnativityrc.com)



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## West Nile Virus Update – National

West Nile Virus (WNV) activity across the nation has been very high this summer and fall. As of October 23, there have been 4,725 human cases of WNV (including 219 fatalities) reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Approximately 51% of the human cases in the United States were classified as neuroinvasive disease (i.e. meningitis or encephalitis). Nearly 70% of human cases nationwide have been reported from the states of Texas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Illinois, South Dakota, Michigan and Oklahoma.



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## West Nile Virus Update – California and San Bernardino County

As of October 26, California had 339 human cases of WNV, 17 of which are in San Bernardino County. There has been one fatality so far this year from WNV in San Bernardino County. Chickens from sentinel flocks in Colton, Fontana, Needles, Rialto, Upland, and Yucaipa have tested positive for WNV. Samples of mosquitoes in Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Needles, Redlands, and San Bernardino have also tested positive for WNV.



Our Mosquito and Vector Control Program has been hard at work to prevent WNV disease in our county. So far this year, they have treated approximately 1,600 water sources that were breeding mosquitoes. They also conducted block surveys and visited over 1,000 residences in high-risk areas for WNV to inform residents about the risk of WNV, pass out educational materials, and identify water sources (such as green pools). The county Sheriff's Department has also partnered with us in our efforts to prevent WNV. During helicopter fly-overs, the Sheriff's Department identified over 300 properties as possible mosquito breeding grounds. The Mosquito and Vector Control Program then followed up with these properties to ensure that the water sources had been properly treated.

Our Health Education Program has focused heavily on distributing WNV prevention material throughout the county. We conducted presentations at senior centers in high-risk areas, as people over the age of 50 are more likely to become very sick or die if they become infected with WNV. We conducted mass mailings to libraries, senior centers, and other community-based groups. (See the article below for links to our brochures.) We also went to several elementary school assemblies to present on vector control, where we distributed free Hector the Vector Detector coloring books and pencils to 700 students.

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## How Can I Help Prevent West Nile Virus?

To aid in the prevention of WNV, it is very important that property owners remove all sources of stagnant water from their property. San Bernardino County residents with pools are urged to keep them clean. Mosquitoes will breed in stagnant water sources and green pools. Residents can play a role in preventing West Nile Virus from further spreading in our county by eliminating all sources of stagnant water.

[Click here](#) to download a brochure with more important facts on how to prevent WNV. If



you're a senior, [Click here](#) to download a brochure with information on how to keep yourself safe from WNV.

You can report dead birds or squirrels to the State West Nile Virus toll-free hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD, or online at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov). For more information or to report a green pool or mosquito breeding source, contact the Division of Environmental Health Services at (800) 442-2283 or visit our website at [www.sbcounty.gov/dehs](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dehs).

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## New Social Media Sites Launched



DEHS has launched Facebook and Twitter pages en Español! All of the content posted on the English-language social media sites will now be posted in Spanish too. The link for our Facebook page in Spanish is [www.facebook.com/sbehsEsp](http://www.facebook.com/sbehsEsp). The link for our Twitter page in Spanish is <https://twitter.com/sbehsEsp>.

DEHS also recently created two YouTube channels. The link for our English-language channel is [www.youtube.com/user/sbcdehs](http://www.youtube.com/user/sbcdehs) and the link for our Spanish-language channel is [www.youtube.com/user/sbcdehseps](http://www.youtube.com/user/sbcdehseps). Check out our new playlist called "Vector Control Videos" on our English-language channel.

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## Free Environmental Health Alerts

DEHS recently created a new email bulletin to notify operators and the general public about events or incidents of environmental health significance. Anyone can sign up to receive these email alerts for free. In an effort not to overload your email inbox, we will be using this email bulletin only as necessary. Examples of alerts you might receive from us include news about foodborne illness outbreaks, boil water notices, food safety guidance after an earthquake or other disaster, West Nile Virus surveillance updates, etc. As a courtesy, we have signed up Mosquito and Vector Control subscribers to receive these email alerts. You will receive a confirmation email that you have been subscribed to the new bulletin. If you do not wish to receive alerts in the future, please click on the "Manage Preferences" link in the confirmation email.



If you have coworkers, staff, friends or family members who would be interested in receiving environmental health alerts from DEHS, they can subscribe by [clicking here](#).

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## New Telephone Number for DEHS

We now have a new toll-free number for DEHS! It is 1-800-442-2283. You can reach all of our offices (Rancho Cucamonga, Hesperia, San Bernardino,

and San Bernardino Mosquito & Vector Control) by calling our new number. This single number replaces all previous telephone numbers, which have now been inactivated. If you call an old number, you will only reach a message giving you our new 800 number.



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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gaspard, Health Education Specialist, at 800-442-2283 or [Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov).

