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PEST CONTROL MANAGEMENT UPDATE CLASS

In the spring and fall of each year our office has sponsored a pest management class at the Santa Rosa Junior College (Ag. 170). Several speakers are chosen to give presentations on a wide variety of pest related topics. This class provides an excellent opportunity for growers, pest control operators, pest control advisors, and maintenance gardeners to obtain continuing education hours for their licenses or certificates. November 15 (6pm-9pm) and November 16 (8am-4pm) are the dates/times of the class for the fall 2007 semester. Topics for the class include; rangeland management, pesticide use update, gopher control, Light Brown Apple Moth update, new respirator regulations, Sudden Oak Death, Integrated Pest Management, and types of sprayers/nozzles. This class is approved for 10 hours of California Department of Pesticide Regulation continuing education hours.

You must register for the class through the Santa Rosa Junior College by telephoning (707) 527-4011 or on-line at: www.santarosa.edu.

If you have questions about the class, please call Pete Albers at the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (707) 565-2371.

WELCOME JIM CONNORS! NEW COUNTY WILDLIFE SPECIALIST

Jim Connors has joined our staff as the new Wildlife Specialist. Jim, a resident of Cazadero, previously worked for 18 months as a Wildlife Specialist for USDA and covered part of Sonoma County in that capacity. Jim's other work experience includes forestry work in the Cazadero area. Jim was highly recommended by his peers and members in the livestock industry.

Jim will serve as a resource to industry and residents in wildlife exclusion and management methods and practices.

Welcome aboard Jim!



CERTIFIED PRIVATE APPLICATOR WORKSHOP

When: Thursday, December 6, 2007
Time: 8:15 am – 11:10 am
Registration: 8:15 am - 9:00 am (No prior registration required)
Where: Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building –
Main Auditorium

You will receive two (2) Hours of Continuing Education.

Here's what to expect:

- ✧ 8:15 – 9:00 Registration
- ✧ 9:00 – 9:05 Introduction
Stefan Parnay, Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
- ✧ 9:05 – 9:10 Year-end Review
Lisa Correia, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
- ✧ 9:10 – 9:40 Changes to Respirator Regulations
Alexis Ramey, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
- ✧ 9:40 – 10:00 Update on Vine Mealybug
Dan Curtin, Agricultural Biologist/Standards Specialist III
- ✧ 10:00 – 10:10 Break
- ✧ 10:10 – 10:25 Update on Light Brown Apple Moth
Paul Turano, Agricultural Biologist/Standards Specialist III
- ✧ 10:25 – 10:40 How to Handle Paperwork Blues
Joseph Gray, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
- ✧ 10:40 – 10:55 Update on Vineyard Erosion & Sediment Control Ordinance
and Proposed Grading Ordinance
Gail Davis, Agriculture & Vineyard Conservation Coordinator
- ✧ 10:55 – 11:05 Update on Glassy-winged Sharpshooter
Priscilla Lane, Senior Agricultural Biologist
- ✧ 11:05 – 11:10 Closing
Stefan Parnay, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner



THE SPECIFICS:

- ✧ December 6, 2007
- ✧ From 9:00 am to 11:10 am
- ✧ Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue,
Santa Rosa
- ✧ Two hours of
Continuing Education

MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY QUARANTINE IN DIXON

On September 18, 2007, the California Department of Food and Agriculture established a 114-square mile quarantine zone in Solano County, in the Dixon area, following the detection of a Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) infestation.

To date, 13 wild Medflies and larvae have been detected in the area. This is the first Medfly infestation in the Central Valley since the early 80's.

The quarantine boundary is as follows: on the north, Putah Creek; on the south, Binghamton Rd; on the west, Boyce Rd.; on the east, Bulkey Rd.

The Medfly can infest over 260 types of fruits and vegetables, causing severe impacts on California agricultural exports and backyard gardens. A permanent infestation would result in estimated annual losses of \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion.

Agricultural shipments from the quarantine zone will be limited by specific regulations designed to minimize movement of potentially infested commodities. In addition, people moving through the quarantine zone are urged not to remove fruits and vegetables from the area.

The quarantine requires that local residents not move home-grown fruits and vegetables from the property of origin. Residents may dispose of fruits and vegetables by double-bagging them and placing the bags in the garbage.

A Medfly eradication program is underway, consisting of increased releases of sterile male flies in the area and ground treatments within a 200-meter radius of the finds, which is approximately one-eighth of a mile. Additionally, fruit stripping is underway in a 100-meter radius of the larval detection site.

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/PDEP/>

