

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Set hearing for a report on Sudden Oak Death

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing on May 10, 2005 to receive a report on Sudden Oak Death, a disease that to date has not been found in Santa Barbara County.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

First found in Marin County in 1995, Sudden Oak death (SOD), caused by the fungus Phytophthora ramorum has now been confirmed in 14 counties in the San Francisco Bay area. At the request of Supervisor Firestone, this report will include the following topics:

1. The history, causal agent and impact of the disease
2. Surveys for the disease in Santa Barbara County
3. Review of quarantines and other efforts to keep SOD out of Santa Barbara County
4. Requirements to move plant material from Santa Barbara County to other states

Mandates and Service Levels:

Quarantine programs are mandated by California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Section 3700 and Federal Domestic Quarantine number 301.92

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The department is reimbursed for the cost of this program through a contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture