



CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE

News Advisory

SUDDEN OAK DEATH IN BELMONT: A COMMUNITY MEETING

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BELMONT--A Sudden Oak Death (SOD) community meeting will be held at City Hall on May 22, 2008. A cooperative venture of the City of Belmont, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, University of California, California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF), and USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, the workshop is intended to provide disease information, preventative treatment options, and information on how to remove and dispose of infested material properly. There will also be an open panel discussion during which community members can ask questions, express their concerns, and brainstorm options for proactive community activities and management strategies.

When: Thursday, May 22, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers
1 Twin Pines Lane
Belmont, CA 94002

“Through meetings such as these, community members can gain necessary and up-to-date information to make educated decisions about how best to manage property for Sudden Oak Death as a community and as individuals,” said Mark Stanley, COMTF chairman.

Caused by the plant pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, Sudden Oak Death is severely impacting woodlands throughout San Mateo County. Since the 1990s, *P. ramorum* has killed more than a million oak and tanoak trees in California.

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