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HUNDREDS OF MARIN RESIDENTS SAY “STOP THE SPRAY”

Scientists, local politicians, and activists gather for informational dialogue as concern rises over State’s aerial spray program

Corte Madera, CA – On Monday, March 3, scientists, local politicians, and citizen activists from Marin, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and the San Francisco Bay Area will hold a Town Hall Meeting hosted by Search for the Cause, Pesticide Watch and Pesticide Free Zone Campaign to inform community members on the proposed California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA) aerial spray campaign for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) over Marin County.

“We are bringing information and science to communities when our state agencies won’t,” said Frank Egger, event organizer and Board Member of Pesticide Free Zone Campaign. “Californians deserve to know about pesticides to be sprayed over their homes and families.”

The State’s announcement that aerial spraying will begin in the San Francisco Bay Area August 1 has sparked strong public concern. CDFA plans to spray the Bay Area and other counties monthly for 3 - 5 years or indefinitely until the moth is eradicated. Each round of spraying involves multiple sorties of airplanes dispersing a synthetic pheromone and a variety of other chemicals encased in microscopic plastic capsules. The spray is classified as a pesticide by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“Increasingly, we see the link between pesticides and health effects and we are taking a stand. There is no research that shows the short or long term health impacts of these pesticides so we and our children are the petri dish.”

The quickly growing movement in opposition to the aerial spray campaign calls for safe alternatives and demands that public and environmental health take priority over speculative economic loss.

WHEN: Monday, March 3, 7-9 p.m.

WHERE: Corte Madera Town Center Community Room, Suite 201, second floor. The CM Town Center is located just West of the Highway 101 off-ramp at Tamalpias/Paradise Drive.

WHO:

Moderator: Frank Egger, Marin Coordinator to Stop the Spray

Special Remarks: State Senator Carole Migden • Judi Shils, Director Search for the Cause
Skip Berg, Founding Member, Stop the Spray Marin / Former Member BCDC

Panelists:

Paul Schramski, Executive Director, Pesticide Watch

Caroline Cox, Research Director, Center for Environmental Health

Emily Levy, Spokesperson, California Alliance to Stop the Spray (CASS)

Dr. Cory Reddish ND, Licensed Mill Valley Naturopathic Physician

John Russo, Director, StopTheSpray.ORG

Stephen Volker, East Bay Attorney, CEQA Expert

Nan Wishner, Chair, Albany IPM Task Force

Ed Porter, Santa Cruz City Councilmember

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More information about upcoming events available at www.StoptheSprayMarin.org

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