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Stop the Spray LIVE! – Benefit Concert To Highlight The Misuse of Pesticides in California

Bob Weir, Maria Muldaur, David Pack of Ambrosia, Larkin Gayl, Austin de Lone, Phat Barbies, & Bob Hill Band Headline June 8th Event

(Sausalito, CA) – Major artists will perform a benefit concert on June 8th to highlight opposition to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the United States Department of Agriculture's plans to spray pesticides for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) throughout California communities. Musicians recently joined the campaign coordinated by groups including Stop the Spray Marin, Search for the Cause and Pesticide Watch, to raise the visibility of the LBAM Eradication Program. Fundraising from the event will support community education and outreach efforts over the misuse of pesticides throughout California.

Grammy-award winner David Pack, originally of the band Ambrosia and one of the concert's headliners said, "Putting thousands of people's lives and health at risk to eradicate a potentially harmless moth does not make much sense. We have to stand up and say STOP THE SPRAY together with one voice. I am passionate about protecting people, and this flawed program has awakened something in me that proves how important it is for the artist community to come together in this way to help stop this senseless act."

More musicians are joining the line-up of Stop the Spray LIVE! each day, sharing their vision for a pesticide-free future.

Folk and blues musician Maria Muldaur joining Mr. Pack in headlining the event said, "The cavalier attitude of this government to spray now and do the research later, with wanton disregard for the health and well-being of children, adults, the elderly, not to mention the environment as a whole, is tantamount to waging chemical warfare on the citizens of California. Everyone in California must join together and all raise our voices loud and clear to be heard on this crucial issue."

The concert event will showcase community efforts to stop aerial pesticide spraying and seek sustainable, non-toxic approaches to pest management. Speakers from environmental, farm worker and health organizations will share words, including Eva Royale, formerly of the United Farm Workers (UFW), and continuing to support the work of Cesar Chavez, and Judi Shils, Executive Director of Search for the Cause.

"Stop the Spray LIVE! will raise the visibility of pesticides problems facing California communities," said Paul Schramski, director of Pesticide Watch and co-founder of Stop the Spray Marin. "California is on the brink of a green agriculture revolution that can only be won when farmers and consumers link arms."

Sponsors of the event include Melissa Bradley Real Estate, Berg Holdings, Members of the Marin Board of Supervisors and Hurricane Hauling & Demolition, Inc.

For more updates and information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.StoptheSprayMarin.org.

Stop the Spray Marin is a community-based group of citizens and grassroots organizers concerned for the health, environmental and economic risks of the planned LBAM eradication program, and committed to sustainable, non-toxic and ecologically sound alternatives in pest control and farming.

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