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News Advisory

SUDDEN OAK DEATH PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT TRAINING SESSIONS

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BERKELEY—Free Sudden Oak Death (SOD) preventative treatment training sessions are being offered this spring at UC Berkeley. Each 2-hour field session will be held rain or shine, and is intended for all interested parties. Sessions will cover basic SOD information, integrated pest management approaches to managing SOD, how to select candidate trees for treatment, and proper preventative treatment application. Never-before presented findings from the latest research, with important implications for disease management, will also be discussed.

**When: Wednesday, March 10, 2009
 Wednesday, April 21, 2009
 Wednesday, May 12, 2009
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Oak Outside of Tolman Hall
 Hearst Avenue at Arch/Le Conte
 (a short block past the Oxford St.-Hearst Ave.
 intersection at the NW corner of campus)
 University of California
 Berkeley, CA**

“The Sudden Oak Death pathogen relies on wet weather to cause infection. If this year continues to bring wet conditions, the pathogen will be more active than it has been in the past couple of dry years. While the approved treatment cannot cure Sudden Oak Death, it can help to protect high-value, high-risk trees from becoming infected. The treatments are important to administer every year, but particularly in wet years. I would encourage anyone who is in a SOD-infested area to attend a treatment session so that they can be aware of this valuable management tool.”

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Caused by the plant pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, Sudden Oak Death is severely impacting oaks and tanoaks throughout 14 coastal California counties, from Monterey County, north to Humboldt County. Since the mid-1990s, over a million oak and tanoak trees have died, and countless more are currently infected.

Pre-registration is required. Register early as space is limited. CEU credits will be offered for DPR, ISA, SAF, and the California Urban Forestry Council. To register, email kpalmieri@berkeley.edu, and provide your name, phone number, professional license numbers (if applicable), and the date for which you are registering. For more information on the training sessions or on Sudden Oak Death issues, contact Katie Palmieri at (510) 847-5482 or kpalmieri@berkeley.edu.

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