

News Advisory

CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETING: RESPONDING TO THE THREAT OF SUDDEN OAK DEATH

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CARMEL VALLEY — With Sudden Oak Death (SOD) encroaching on Carmel Valley, and no known cure for the disease, area residents and landowners are encouraged to attend the SOD community meeting that will be held on April 9, 2011 at the Hidden Valley Theatre. During the workshop, researchers from UC Berkeley and UC Davis will explain the cause of SOD, how it spreads and kills trees, and what symptoms look like, as well as provide important prevention and management information. There will also be open discussion time for community members to ask questions, express their concerns, and brainstorm options for proactive community activities and management strategies.

When:	Saturday, April 9, 2011 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where:	Hidden Valley Theatre, Dining Room 88 W Carmel Valley Rd Carmel Valley, CA 93924

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

For more information on the meeting, contact Kerri Frangioso at (831) 620-1098 or <u>kfrangioso@ucdavis.edu</u> or Katie Palmieri at <u>kpalmieri@berkeley.edu</u>. For more information on SOD and *P. ramorum*, go to the California Oak Mortality Task Force website at <u>www.suddenoakdeath.org</u>.