



News Advisory

2014 SUDDEN OAK DEATH BLITZ RESULTS – NEW FINDINGS

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BERKELEY—2014 Sudden Oak Death Blitz results for 17 coastal California communities will be released to the media September 22nd and revealed at three different Bay Area locations the last week of September. They will also be available online September 29th at <http://nature.berkeley.edu/garbelottowp/>. This year's blitz findings include identifying new infestations as well as when selective California bay laurel removal may be appropriate as a management tool.

**When: Monday, September 22, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: East Bay
159 Mulford Hall, UC Berkeley
Berkeley, CA [UC Berkeley Meeting Location](#)**

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**When: Tuesday, September 23, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Peninsula
[Portola Valley Town Center](#)
[765 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, CA](#)**

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**When: Thursday, September 25, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Sonoma
UC Cooperative Extension Office
[133 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403](#)**

At the meeting attendees will be afforded the opportunity to hear a professional interpretation of the results, including information on when selective bay thinning may be beneficial and where new infestations have been identified as well as where infestations are suspected to occur next. Findings on new SOD control experiments will also be presented, and ample time will be dedicated to open discussion. All interested parties, including media and the general public, in an area impacted by the Sudden Oak Death pathogen (*Phytophthora ramorum*) are encouraged to attend and learn about what is happening in their community as well as how they can help slow the spread of this aggressive pathogen.

Participants are encouraged to bring their iPhone or Android mobile to the community meeting of their choice to upload the free App "SODmap mobile" (SOD distribution map of laboratory-confirmed positive and negative samples in California, not including nurseries) which can help in identifying where the pathogen has been found, thereby acting as an additional filter for homeowners to determine what course of management might be appropriate for their property.

SOD is a serious invasive disease that is killing tanoak, coast live oak, California black oak, Shreve's oak, and canyon live oak trees in California. To date, more than three million trees have died in 15 coastal California counties, from Monterey to Humboldt.

For more information on SOD Blitzes, go to www.sodblitz.org. For more information on Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum*, go to the California Oak Mortality Task Force website at www.suddenoakdeath.org or contact Katie Palmieri at (510) 847-5482 or kpalmieri@berkeley.edu.

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