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**CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE**

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## **News Advisory**

### **SUDDEN OAK DEATH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Date: September 30, 2008**

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SCOTTS VALLEY—A Sudden Oak Death (SOD) prevention and treatment strategies informational community meeting will be held October 9, 2008 in Scotts Valley. This free two-hour meeting is intended for interested homeowners, landowners, and other members of the community that are interested in Sudden Oak Death issues and management options. The workshop will cover basic disease information, proper disposal of infested material, preventative treatment options, and land management strategies. There will also be time for open discussion during which community members can ask questions, express their concerns, and brainstorm options for proactive community activities and management strategies.

**When: Thursday, October 9, 2008  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Skypark Recreation Classroom  
361 Kings Village Road  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

“Our greatest defense against this aggressive invasive plant disease is to take proactive measures. By doing so, we can optimize our chances of containing it where it is found and protecting those areas that have not yet been exposed to it. Without a cure,

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treatment and prevention strategies are our best defense,” said Mark Stanley, chairman of the California Oak Mortality Task Force.

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

**For more information on the meeting or for more information on Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum*, contact Katie Palmieri at [palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu).**

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