



News Advisory

SUDDEN OAK DEATH WILDLAND TRAINING SESSION

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ELDRIDGE—A Sudden Oak Death (SOD) wildland training session will be offered free of charge in April at the Sonoma Development Center. Arborists, foresters, landowners, media, and other interested parties are encouraged to come and learn about symptoms, diagnosis, regulations, treatment and management options, and the latest research findings. The morning session will be indoor lectures, and the afternoon will be hands-on field stations, addressing real-life symptom identification, treatment applications, and pruning and horticultural practices.

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Sonoma Development Center
McDougal Chapel
1500 Arnold Dr.
Eldridge, CA 95431

Sonoma County's Sudden Oak Death infestation has dramatically increased over the last two years, with 23 percent of the County's at risk forests currently infested. Of the 75,000 acres impacted, 39 percent is new mortality mapped in 2007. Since the mid-1990s, this pathogen has killed millions of oak and tanoak trees throughout 14 coastal California counties, from Monterey County, north to Humboldt County.

Registration is required for the training. CEU credits will be offered for ISA, CA Certified Urban Forester, and DPR. To register, go to:
http://www.suddenoakdeath.org/html/comtf_training.html. For more information on the training session or Sudden Oak Death, contact Katie Palmieri at (510) 847-5482 or Palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu.