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SUDDEN OAK DEATH IN SAN MATEO COUNTY: A COMMUNITY MEETING

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BURLINGAME--A Sudden Oak Death (SOD) community meeting will be held at the Burlingame Public Library on February 12, 2008. A cooperative venture of the City of Burlingame, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, University of California, California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF), and USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, the workshop is intended to provide disease information, preventative treatment options, and information on how to remove and dispose of infested material properly. There will also be an open panel discussion during which community members can ask questions, express their concerns, and brainstorm options for proactive community activities and management strategies.

When: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Burlingame Public Library, Lane Room
480 Primrose Rd.
Burlingame, CA 94010

“The greatest advantage we have against this aggressive pathogen is our capacity to work together. Through community meetings such as these, we can empower residents with the necessary tools to take action as individuals while also emphasizing the importance of a collaborative community response to this county-wide problem,” said Mark Stanley, COMTF chairman.

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

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For more information on the meeting, contact Tim Richmond at (650) 558-7330 or TRichmond@burlingame.org. For more information on Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum*, contact Katie Palmieri at palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu or go to the COMTF website at www.suddenoakdeath.org.

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