



CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE

News Advisory
SUDDEN OAK DEATH: A DECADE OF MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES
CA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE MEETING

Date: April 9, 2008

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SAN RAFAEL—The 2008 California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) annual meeting, “Sudden Oak Death: A Decade of Management Challenges,” will be held at the Marin Center in San Rafael, CA April 15 – 17, 2008. At the meeting, research regarding DNA tracking of the pathogen, indicating where it was first introduced to California’s forests, will be presented. Management challenges currently being faced, including restoration issues, waterway contamination, asymptomatic infections, and tanoak resistance will also be discussed. A pre-meeting field trip will be offered, with local experts discussing impacts of Sudden Oak Death over the course of a decade as it relates to fire risks and forest and homeowner impacts. The final half-day session will focus on nursery industry issues, including the latest research findings and needs as well as eradication and management activities in nurseries.

What/When: “A Decade of Forest Disease”
MARIN COUNTY FIELD TRIP
April 15, 2008
12:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Where: **Gather at Marin Center**
Exhibit Hall Parking Lot
10 Avenue of the Flags
San Rafael, CA 94903

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What/When: **COMTF MEETING**
April 16, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the California Oak Mortality Task Force, the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region, and UC, Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program, Center for Forestry, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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**Where: Marin Center
Showcase Theatre
10 Avenue of the Flags
San Rafael, CA 94903
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**What/When: NURSERY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 17, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.**

**Where: Marin Center
Friends of Marin Center Conference Room
10 Avenue of the Flags
San Rafael, CA 94903
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**Registration: Media - All Events FREE
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**Meeting Registrants
General Meeting - \$30
Field Trip – FREE
Nursery Committee Meeting - FREE**

**For more information on the meeting or SOD, contact Katie Palmieri,
COMTF Public Information Officer, at (510) 847-5482 or via email at
palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu. To learn more about the meeting agenda, go to:
http://www.suddenoakdeath.org/html/comtf_2008_meeting.html.**

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