



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

November 3, 2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Terry Withrow
Board of Supervisors, District 3
Stanislaus County
1010 10th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Supervisor Withrow:

Infestations of an invasive insect, the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), have been detected in citrus trees in and around the city of Turlock. ACP extract large amounts of sap from plants or trees as the pests feed and produce copious amounts of honeydew. The honeydew then coats leaves and leads to the growth of mold. However, the most serious damage caused by the ACP is its ability to transmit a bacterial disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) to citrus trees. HLB is fatal to citrus trees. Establishment of ACP and HLB in California will threaten California's citrus industry and residential citrus trees.

A public meeting will be held on Monday, November 9 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Turlock High School located at 1600 E Canal Drive. The CDFA and cooperating agencies will be present to answer any questions regarding the program for interested citizens in the treatment area.

A diluted formulation of Tempo® SC Ultra (cyfluthrin), a contact insecticide, will be applied to the leaves of citrus trees and plants to counter Asian citrus psyllid adults and nymphs. Additionally, a diluted formulation of Merit® 2F, an imidacloprid insecticide, will be applied to soil beneath the drip line of citrus trees and plants to protect against developing nymphs and subsequent adult psyllids. These materials will be applied at least one time to at designated residential properties. Residents of affected properties will be notified individually at least 48-hours prior to any application of insecticides.

Information regarding the treatment and meeting is enclosed in this packet. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Pegos
Special Assistant





**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY**

**OPEN HOUSE MEETING ON THE TREATMENT PLANS AGAINST THE
ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID DETECTED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Meeting – Monday, November 9, 2015
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Turlock High School
Cafeteria
1600 E Canal Drive
Turlock, CA 95380**

The Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), a serious insect pest in California, has been detected in your neighborhood. The ACP is a tiny, flying insect that transmits a bacterial disease called huanglongbing (HLB) to citrus trees. Trees infected with the HLB disease produce bitter and misshapen fruit. The HLB disease is fatal to citrus trees. The ACP is a threat to California's backyard and commercially grown citrus. Emergency treatment and quarantine action is needed to protect California from the negative economic and environmental impacts the establishment of this pest throughout California would cause.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture consulted with scientists who are experts in the biology of this pest. These experts have recommended a treatment plan designed to mitigate the infestation.

Limited ground treatments with a formulation of a pyrethroid will be applied to the foliage of citrus trees on your property. At the same time, an imidacloprid insecticide will be applied to the soil beneath the citrus trees for ongoing protection against the ACP. CDFA will follow all pesticide label directions.

Residents of properties scheduled for treatment will be notified at least 48 hours prior to the application. Included in this packet is a map outlining the project area.

To inform you of planned activities, residents of the affected area are invited to attend an open house meeting on Monday November 9, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – in the Cafeteria at Turlock High School in Turlock, California. The open house will not feature a formal presentation; rather, it will be staffed by cooperating agency officials familiar with this program who will be able to individually address your concerns and answer any questions. Please feel free to stop by at any time during the scheduled 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. time frame.

Your cooperation with this program is needed to rid California of this harmful invading pest while it is still possible. If you cannot attend this important meeting and require additional information, please contact our toll-free PEST HOTLINE at **(800) 491-1899** for further assistance.

**ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID
OPEN HOUSE MEETING**

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 9, 2015

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM



**TURLOCK HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA
1600 E CANAL DRIVE
TURLOCK, CA**

