

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY

WEBINAR MEETING ON THE TREATMENT PLANS AGAINST THE ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID DETECTED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Meeting – Thursday, April 23, 2020 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Webinar ID Number: 995-210-219

Webinar URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1553277183946010381

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) understands the heightened sensitivities and concerns at this time due to Coronavirus, and as such we have cancelled all of our Open House Meetings for Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) treatments and are rescheduling them as webinar meetings. You will be provided the same information during the webinar meeting as you would have been provided in the Open House Meeting and State and Local officials will be online and available to answer your questions.

ACP is a serious insect pest in California that has been detected in your neighborhood. 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, misshapen fruit and eventually die. Emergency treatment and quarantine action is needed to protect California from the negative economic and environmental impacts the establishment of this pest and disease 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, which includes limited ground treatments with a formulation of a pyrethroid insecticide applied to the leaves of citrus trees on your property and 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 areas in Riverside County are invited to attend a **webinar** meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. To join the webinar meeting, go to www.joinwebinar.com and enter in the webinar ID number (listed above) and your email and click Join Webinar. Enter in your name and email again on the next screen, then click to Join Webinar in Progress. Or you can type in the webinar URL (listed above) into the address bar and follow the prompts.

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.