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Kern/Tulare

GWSS Update



A project of the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Task Force of Kern and Tulare Counties. Participants: Agricultural Commissioner Offices of Kern and Tulare Counties, California Department of Food and Agriculture, University of California-Cooperative Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS and ARS Divisions).

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Reminder: Kern's GWSS area-wide applications must be authorized to qualify for reimbursement

As the 2003 Area-wide GWSS Management Program begins authorizing pesticide applications, we want to remind participants that only applications authorized in advance by project administrators and applied in a manner prescribed by project guidelines are eligible for reimbursement.

Prior to any authorized application(s), participants must have a signed compliance agreement on file with the Kern County Department of Agriculture and Measurement Standards.

Evidence necessary for compensation includes:

- (1) a written letter of authorization
- (2) a completed GWSS application and completion notice

(3) a copy of the "Pesticide Use Report"

(4) a "Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Invoice"

Participants must comply with their signed compliance agreement and must submit the required documentation within 30 days of the completion of the application.

Failure to submit the required documentation within the specified time frame will result in the request for reimbursement being denied.

Please contact the Kern Agricultural Department at (661) 868-6300 or your field coordinator for forms and additional information.

—Kern County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Final two CDFA PD update sessions remain

Two meetings remain among the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Pierce's Disease Program industry update sessions:

- Wednesday, March 12, 2003
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
4437 South Laspina,
Tulare CA

- Thursday, March 20, 2003
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Callaway Coastal Vineyard and Winery
32720 Rancho California Road
Temecula CA

For more information, contact the Pierce's Disease Program at (916) 322-2804.

GWSS/PD workshop set for April 22 in Napa

A University of California-Cooperative Extension workshop on the glassy-winged sharpshooter and Pierce's disease will be held Tuesday, April 22 at the Embassy Suites in Napa, Calif.

The registration fee is \$75, which includes lunch. A block of rooms at a special rate of \$125 is being held for those who attend the workshop. The rooms will be held until March 24. Hotel reservations can be made by calling (707) 787-5089 or by e-mail at carol.lerner@ucr.edu.

The agenda includes top GWSS and PD scientists and researchers from UC

Davis, UC Riverside, UC Berkeley, UCCE, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Kern and Napa Agricultural Commissioner's Offices.

Sessions will cover:

- the epidemiology of PD
- future management and present strategies for fighting PD
- regulatory issues and California's Area-wide Program
- GWSS management
- the status of research funding programs

Western Area citrus, grape growers to receive treatment authorizations

Citrus and grape growers in the "Western Area" of Kern County's GWSS Area-wide Management Program will be receiving treatment authorizations from the GWSS program administrators within the next week.

The Western Area is the area west of Interstate 5 and south of Copus Road.