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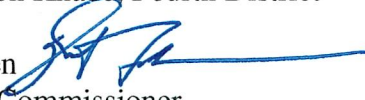
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DATE: August 16, 2010

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FROM: Kurt E. Floren 
Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights and Measures

SUBJECT: OPEN HOUSE MEETING ON ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID IN NORTH HILLS

As reported in previous updates, Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) *Diaphorina citri*, a serious agricultural pest, continues to be detected in Los Angeles County, prompting treatments by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). While there is a large contiguous area known to be infested, there was a recent isolated detection of ACP in the North Hills area.

Since the first ACP detection in the County in 2009, CDFA has been treating properties at which the ACP specimens have been trapped together with nearby properties with host trees and plants, applying the pesticides cyfluthrin and imidacloprid to host plants and soil utilizing hand-held sprayers. CDFA has informed each property resident prior to such treatment. No aerial applications are being considered.

To discuss the treatment project and provide direct answers to questions from area residents, CDFA will hold an open house meeting tonight, Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library, 16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Please see attached). Notices and treatment area maps have been mailed to all 400-600 local area residents. Members of my staff will be in attendance at the open house meeting. This late update is regretted, as we received very short notice. We provided notification to the local Board office in the area via e-mail.

Asian Citrus Psyllid is a prime vector of the disease huanglongbing, also known as citrus greening disease, which, if introduced, could devastate the state's valuable citrus industry as well as backyard fruit production. Fortunately, none of the ACP specimens detected in California has yet been found to carry the disease.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Please note that residents may be directed to call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899 if they believe that they have found a specimen of ACP or any other exotic insect pest.

I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

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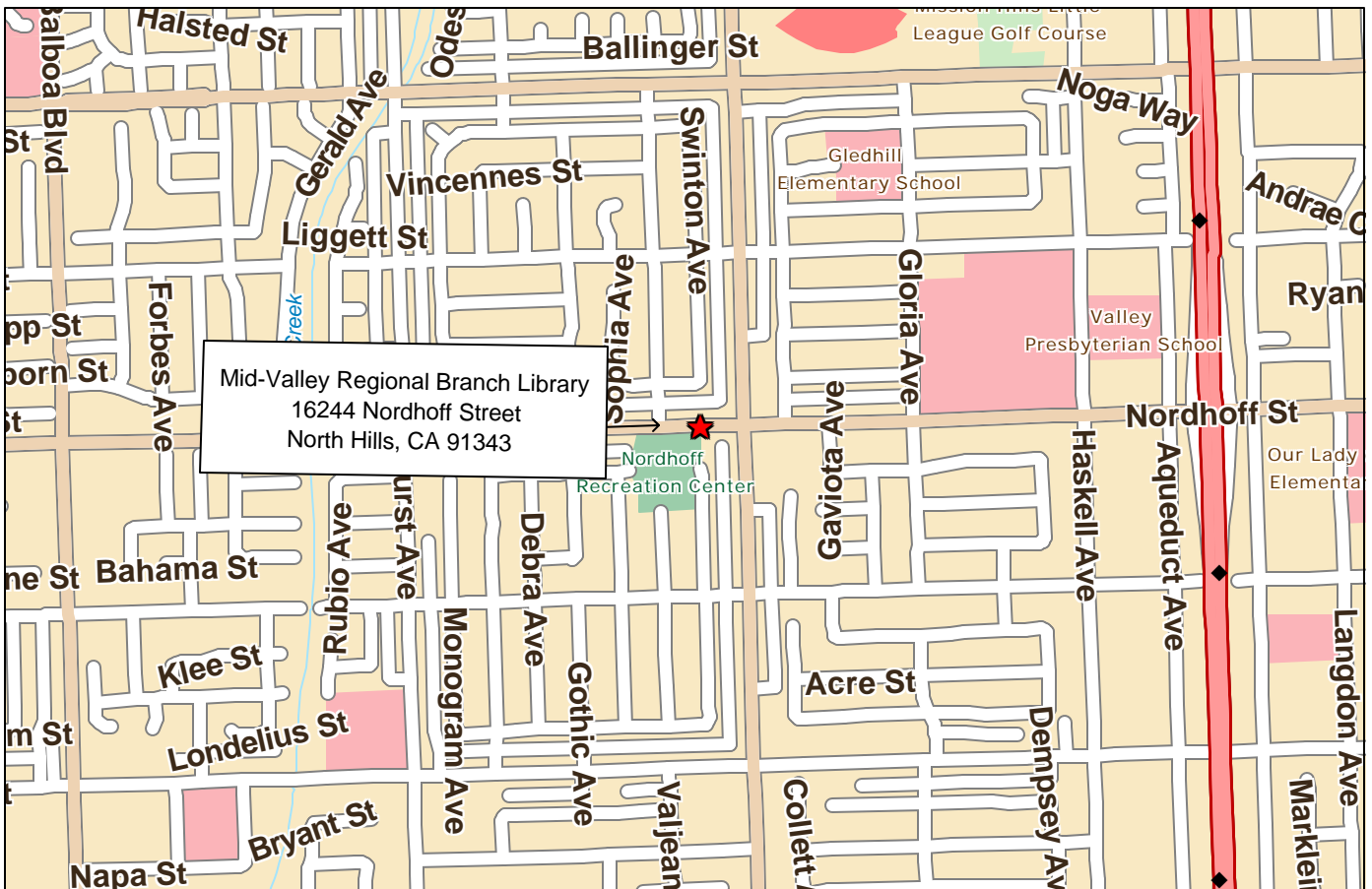
Attachments

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
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Board Deputies

ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID OPEN HOUSE MEETING

TUESDAY - AUGUST 16, 2011

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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