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FROM: Kurt E. Floren   
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SUBJECT: **ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY ERADICATION**

In mid-August, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) initiated an Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) eradication program in the Pasadena-San Marino area in response to detections of three OFF specimens. Eradication treatments concluded October 3. On Tuesday, October 28, a male OFF was detected in Pasadena and on Wednesday, October 29, a female OFF was detected less than a mile away in San Marino. These detections are within such limited distance and time to each other and to the previous detections to necessitate a renewed eradication program in portions of Pasadena, San Marino, San Gabriel, Alhambra, nearby unincorporated areas, and along some borders of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, and Temple City (see attached map).

As before, a "male attractant" technique will be employed to combat this pest, consisting of squirting a small spot of bait at a height of six to eight feet onto streetside tree trunks. Approximately 600 such "bait stations" are placed in each square mile of the eradication area. Male flies feed on the bait and are killed by the small amount of Naled pesticide in the bait. No aerial bait treatments are planned. These treatments will begin on Saturday, November 1, and will be repeated at two-week intervals for at least four sessions

We are informing the City Managers of Pasadena, San Marino, San Gabriel, Alhambra, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Temple City, their respective public utilities and public works departments, the County Department of Public Works, and your Board offices in the treatment area to enable staff to answer questions from the public.

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

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer  
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