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INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE RED PALM WEEVIL (RPW)
AND
THE SOUTH AMERICAN PALM WEEVIL (SAPW)

Thursday, August 18, 2011
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
San Diego County Farm Bureau
1670 E. Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92027

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), the San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) are hosting a Palm Weevil informational meeting. The goal of this meeting is to brief the public, the nursery industry, landscapers and arborists on the current RPW and SAPW status in California, together with providing an overview of the pests' biology and identification. The meeting agenda is below.

Worldwide, these weevils are considered some of the most destructive pests of palms. A RPW (Rhynchophorus ferrugineus) discovery on a residential palm in Laguna Beach represents the first time this beetle has been detected in the United States. A total of eight SAPWs (Rhynchophorus palmarum) have subsequently been discovered in detection traps in the San Ysidro border area. The presence of these weevils in California presents a serious threat to landscape palms and to the palm nursery industry.

Because you are an important member of California's pest surveillance system, your participation in this meeting is important as we want to provide you with the most current information available. If you cannot attend this meeting, but require additional information, please contact our toll-free PEST HOTLINE at (800) 491-1899 or visit our Red Palm Weevil website at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/rpw.

Meeting Agenda:

Welcome – Lisa Leondis, San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner
Palm Weevil Biology and Identification – Dr. David Kellum, San Diego County Entomologist
Current Trapping and Surveillance Activities – CDFA Representative
Potential Regulatory Impacts – CDFA Representative
What you can do to Help – Jim Bethke, David Shaw and John Kabashima (UCCE)
Public Outreach Campaign – David Pegos (CDFA)
Question and Answer Session – All panel members

Two hours of continuing education have been applied for.