

**CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE ON NON-NATIVE FOREST INSECTS & DISEASES**  
**FIFTH DIALOGUE MEETING**

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 27-28, 2009  
*Fort Mason Center, Firehouse Room,  
San Francisco, CA*

**Proposed Agenda**

***Meeting Goals:***

- Cultivate collaborations toward action to address the threat of non-native forest insects and diseases;
- Link state and local actions to Continental Dialogue efforts to enhance national policies and strategies;
- Enlist communities in the battle against non-native insects and diseases impacting their trees; and
- Identify and agree on needed actions for Continental Dialogue to take in the upcoming year.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

- 7:30 – 7:45     Convene for Field Trip (Coffee Available)  
**LOCATION: Hyatt at Fisherman’s Wharf** (555 North Point, San Francisco, CA)
- 7:45 – 12:15   Concurrent Field Trips (see agendas below):
1. The National Ornamental Research Nursery at Dominican University of California (NORS-DUC) in San Rafael, CA and forested areas in Marin County
  2. The Port of Oakland to learn about inspections and handling of wood packaging
- 12:30 – 1:30   Meeting Registration  
**LOCATION: Firehouse Room, Fort Mason Center**
- 1:30 – 1:45     Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Agenda Review
- Introductions
  - Overview of meeting objectives and agenda
  - Meeting ground rules
- 1:45 – 2:00     Welcome
- Opening remarks – *Heather Fargo, Former Mayor of Sacramento*
- 2:00 – 2:30     Orientation to the Continental Dialogue
- Overview of the Vision and Goals, Action Agenda Opportunities, and Workgroup products/efforts – *Frank Lowenstein, The Nature Conservancy*
  - Questions
- 2:30 – 2:45     Introductions and Pathways in the West  
Objective: Provide participants with a brief overview of local/regional challenges and issues
- Overview presentation – *Steve Seybold, USFS, Pacific Southwest Research Station*

- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 4:15 Panel #1 – Impacts of Firewood Movement and Efforts to Reduce Impact
- Rocky Mountain perspective – *Bill Jacobi, Colorado State University*
  - Golden Spotted Oak Borer: A California Terminator – *Steve Seybold, USFS, Pacific Southwest Research Station*
  - Don't Move Firewood Website: A Tool for Slowing the Spread – *Leigh Greenwood, The Nature Conservancy*
  - Discussion
    - Similarities and differences in approach? Implications?
    - Lessons applicable to the Dialogue's efforts
- 4:15 – 5:30 Panel #2 – *P. ramorum* Movement to Distant States and Leaking into the Environment
- Overview of extent of *P. ramorum* spread – *Steve Oak, USFS*
  - East coast perspective on issue – *Christel Harden, Clemson University*
  - West coast perspective on issue – *Dan Hilburn, Oregon Department of Agriculture*
  - Industry perspective on issue – *Karen Suslow, Hines Nursery*
  - Discussion
    - Similarities and differences in approach? Implications?
    - Lessons applicable to the Dialogue's efforts
- 5:30 Adjourn to Dinner
- 5:45 – 7:45 Hors d'œuvre and Dinner (provided)  
**LOCATION: Fleet Room, Fort Mason Center**
- 7:45 – 9:00 SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Asian Longhorned Beetle Documentary  
**LOCATION: Firehouse Room, Fort Mason Center**
- **Introductory Comments by Martin Hamburger, Documentary Director**
  - **Asian Longhorned Beetle Documentary**  
*Worcester, MA could be almost anywhere in America. But when the Asian longhorned beetle was discovered to be killing Worcester's trees, the city took decisive action to halt the spread of the beetle, protecting trees across North America from certain death. This is their story.*
  - **Following the presentation, a panel of those involved in development of the documentary will be available for a question and answer/discussion session**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- 7:00 – 8:00     Registration and Breakfast Available  
**LOCATION: Firehouse Room, Fort Mason Center**
- 8:00 – 8:15     Welcome and Agenda Review
- *RESOLVE*
- 8:15 – 9:15     Panel #3 – State Action to Address Non-Federally Regulated Pests
- Walnut/1000 canker – *Doug LeDoux, Missouri Dept. of Agriculture*
  - Puccinia/ohia rust – *Lloyd Loope, USGS Haleakala National Park*
  - Hemlock woolly adelgid – *Ken Rauscher, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture*
  - Discussion
    - Implications
    - Lessons applicable to the Dialogue’s efforts
- 9:15 – 10:15    Panel #4 – Solid Wood Packaging as a Pathway – ISPM 15 as a Tool
- Recent economic study – *Frank Lowenstein, The Nature Conservancy and Mike Springborn, UC Davis*
  - Experience at the ports – *David Talpas, Customs and Border Protection*
  - State perspectives – *Shashank Nilakhe, Texas Department of Agriculture*
  - Discussion
    - Implications?
    - Lessons applicable to the Dialogue’s efforts
- 10:15 – 10:30    Break
- 10:30 – 11:30   Panel #5 – Outreach and Education: Dealing with a Skeptical Public
- Sudden Oak Death in Oregon – *Alan Kanaskie, Oregon Department of Forestry*
  - Asian Longhorned Beetle in Massachusetts – *Colin Novick, Greater Worcester Land Trust*
  - Light Brown Apple Moth in California – *Helene Wright, State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS*
  - Discussion
    - Similarities and differences in approach? Implications?
    - Lessons applicable to the Dialogue’s efforts
- 11:30 – 11:45   Overview of Breakout Sessions
- Topics, approach, and desired outcomes
- 11:45 – 12:45    Lunch (box lunches provided)
- 12:45 – 1:45     Workgroup Breakout Session I
- (#1) Prevent Introduction of New Pests and Diseases – Q-37; SWP (International)
  - (#2) Limit the Spread of Pests and Diseases in the US – domestic SWP movement; interstate firewood movement
  - (#3) Engaging private groups (nursery industry) in forest protection

- 1:45 – 1:50     Transition to Breakout Session II
- 1:50 – 2:50     Workgroup Breakout Session II
- (#2) Limit the Spread of Pests and Diseases in the US – domestic SWP movement; interstate firewood movement – *continued*
  - (#5) Activities to increase USDA funding – preparation for FY 2011 efforts
  - (#7) Firewood issues – How Don'tMoveFirewood.org can work for you
- 2:50 – 3:10     Break
- 3:10 – 4:00     Where Do We Go Next? – Timeline and Actions for 2010
- Brief overview of Breakout Session next steps
  - Identify other priority actions
  - Develop preliminary timeline for actions
- 4:00 – 4:30     Summary and Next Steps
- Acknowledgments
  - Steering Committee next steps
- 4:30             Adjourn

## Field Trip #1 – Sudden Oak Death

Objective: To prepare for the indoor Continental Forest Dialogue discussions by viewing aspects of several current invasive pest issues in the Bay Area.

Over the morning we will: (1) visit the site of the National Ornamental Research Nursery at Dominican University of California (NORS-DUC) and discuss project objectives and plans; (2) talk to regulators about the challenges of implementing the Light Brown Apple Moth quarantine; and (3) view and discuss the impacts of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) in the urban/wildland interface at Muir Woods National Monument, a redwood/tanoak forest in Marin County.

- The field trips will proceed rain or shine, as such, please consider bringing lightweight rain gear so you will be comfortable outside if it rains.
- Boxed lunches will be provided for attendees on both field trips.
- Please wear long pants and shoes appropriate for walking on uneven surfaces and a fairly level trail.
- Please feel free to bring cameras if so desired.
- While we will have boxes of regular coffee available at the buses (not inside the hotel) feel free to visit one of the local coffee shops for more varied options.

### Agenda

- 7:30 – 7:45     Convene for field trip (coffee available)  
**LOCATION: Hyatt at Fisherman’s Wharf** (555 North Point, San Francisco, CA)
- 7:45 – 8:20     Leave from Hyatt Fisherman’s Wharf; drive to Dominican University, San Rafael, CA
- On bus: *P. ramorum*/Sudden Oak Death overview – *Susan Frankel, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station and Janice Alexander, UC Cooperative Extension, Marin*
- 8:20 – 8:25     Disembark; walk to mock nursery site
- 8:25 – 8:40     Tour of *Phytophthora ramorum*/National Ornamentals Research Site at Dominican University of California (NORS-DUC)
- Welcome – *Sheila Johnson-Brousseau, Dominican University*
  - *P. ramorum*/National Ornamentals Research Site at Dominican University of California (NORS-DUC) vision/objectives and possibilities
    - *Russ Bulluck, National Science Program Leader, USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Center for Plant Health Science & Technology*
    - *Kathy Kosta, Primary State Plant Pathologist, CA Department of Food & Agriculture*
- 8:40 – 8:50     Walk to Creekside Room for restroom break and refreshments

- 8:50 – 9:50 Issue-Specific Discussions
- Facilitated NORS-DUC discussion
  - Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) experience – challenges for growers, inspectors, and the public
    - *Stacey Carlson, Marin County Agricultural Commissioner*
    - *Helene Wright, State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS*
  - LBAM questions and discussion
- 9:50 – 9:55 Return to parking lot; board buses
- 9:55 – 10:40 Drive to Muir Woods, Mill Valley, CA  
On bus: Continued *P. ramorum*/Sudden Oak Death discussion
- 10:40 – 11:45 Muir Woods
- Field walk to see SOD symptoms and impacts – *three small groups led by Susan Frankel, Janice Alexander and Steven Swain, UC Cooperative Extension, Marin*
  - Presentations on SOD impacts:
    - *Jim Cairnes, Small World Tree Care*
    - *Dan Kida, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.*
    - *Kent Julin, Marin County Fire Department*
    - *Mia Monroe, Supervising Ranger, Muir Woods National Monument*
    - *Dave Rizzo, UC Davis*
- 11:45 – 12:30 Pick up box lunches; Board buses; Drive back to San Francisco
- 12:30 p.m. Arrive at Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf (555 North Point, San Francisco, CA)

## Field Trip #2 – Port of Oakland

### Objectives:

- 1) Explore levels of forest pests currently present in two important pathways – imports of crates, pallets, and other forms of wood packaging; and gypsy moth insect egg masses attached to ship superstructures and other hard surfaces.
  - 2) Gain understanding of methods inspectors apply in trying to prevent forest pest introductions via these pathways.
  - 3) Learn inspectors' perspectives on more effective steps to close these pathways.
- The field trips will proceed rain or shine, as such, please consider bringing lightweight rain gear so you will be comfortable outside if it rains.
  - Boxed lunches will be provided for attendees on both field trips.
  - Please feel free to bring cameras if so desired, note that for the Port trip photographs are permitted as long as they do not show either faces or badge #s of inspectors.
  - While we will have boxes of regular coffee available at the buses (not inside the hotel) feel free to visit one of the local coffee shops for more varied options.

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- 8:00 – 8:45     Leave from Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf; drive to Port of Oakland
- 8:45 – 9:00     Break/Coffee
- 9:00 – 9:45     Overview of CBP Efforts
- 9:45 – 10:30   Exploring the Port
- 10:30 – 10:45   Break/Snack
- 10:45 – 11:45   Full Group Discussion
- Solid wood packaging – including how targets are chosen (based on importer or exporter past behavior/record; less on commodity)
  - Statistics on interception rates, etc.
- 11:45 – 12:15   Pick up box lunches; Board buses; Drive back to San Francisco
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