

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OPPOSING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
AERIAL SPRAY PROGRAM TO ERADICATE
THE LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH IN MARIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) is a pest subject to Federal and State quarantine and eradication orders; and

WHEREAS, there is a confirmed presence of Light Brown Apple Moths in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) plans to begin an LBAM aerial spraying program in Marin County and surrounding areas, likely this summer; and

WHEREAS, questions have been raised regarding the proposed strategy of spraying and its potential impact on public health and the environment in light of the availability of alternatives; and

WHEREAS, modern Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principals rely on least-toxic, environmentally sensitive control methods; and

WHEREAS, such least-toxic control options are available for the LBAM, including physical and cultural practices such as clean-up of plant debris where moth larvae over winter; use of natural predators, parasites, and insect diseases; introduction of sterile male moths; and use of pheromone sticky traps and twist ties; and

WHEREAS, Marin County has employed least-toxic control options where practicable to control the LBAM; and

WHEREAS, we understand that the product proposed for use by the State in its aerial spraying campaign is not recommended by the manufacturer for use over uneven terrain, uneven canopy, urban areas or near water – each of which exists in the areas proposed for spraying in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed materials to be used in the LBAM spraying program have not been tested for toxic health effects when used in areas of concentrated population; and

WHEREAS, the plastic capsules proposed for use in the spraying campaign are reported to pose an additional risk to aquatic ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State has claimed an emergency exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in order to begin the LBAM aerial spraying program without conducting environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in light of concerns regarding the potential impact to the health and safety of residents and potential environmental impacts of spraying, and the availability of alternatives to spraying, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby requests that the State refrain from any spraying campaign in Marin County – and further offers to work in concert with the State to quickly and aggressively implement alternatives to spraying.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ___th day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK