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Mendocino County European Grapevine Moth Update July 2, 2010

Trapping Update No moths have been trapped since May 24th. The University experts predicted that we would begin catching our second flight on June 21st. They predicted that the second flight would peak on July 5th. This is obviously very encouraging news. Our goal is to be the first California County to eradicate the European Grapevine Moth!

Treatment/Quarantine

Two major changes have already been made to the compliance exhibits for growers within the quarantine. We have been granted authorization to leave all green waste generated from normal vineyard management practices in the vine row as is customary. The original conditions required composting or hauling off this waste. I participated in a conference call today regarding tarping for movement **within** the quarantine area. A decision was made to allow slack filling of the bins or gondolas as an alternative to tarping. Any loads leaving the quarantine area would still be required to tarp. It appears as though this will be finalized in the next week and then revised compliance exhibits will be mailed out to the regulated growers.

The winery compliance meeting will be held at the Alex Rorabaugh Center on Wednesday July 7th from 10 am till noon. All wineries receiving fruit from any quarantine area should attend.