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Resolution to Form a Goldspotted Oak Borer Task Force

WHEREAS, the goldspotted oak borer (GSOB, *Agrilus auroguttatus*) is not native to California, yet has become well-established in San Diego County and has killed tens of thousands of mature oak trees, causing as much as 90 percent mortality in some oak stands, and

WHEREAS, GSOB was discovered in late 2012 in Riverside County and is immediately threatening San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange Counties, and

WHEREAS, susceptible native red oak species, including coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) and canyon live oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*) are found from San Diego County to the Oregon border, covering nearly 37 million acres of California, and

WHEREAS, GSOB is killing oak trees in environments ranging from coastal urban San Diego to mid-elevation oak woodlands and high-elevation mountain locations in both San Diego and Riverside Counties, and

WHEREAS, mature majestic coast live oaks are associated with many Southern California urban communities and are frequently found in parks, private yards, and as street trees, and California black oaks and canyon live oaks are important components of many mixed conifer forests and mountain communities, and

WHEREAS, the loss of oak hardwood stands and individual trees cause ecological, habitat, social, cultural, shade, and aesthetic losses as well as economic losses, including recreation, tourism, reduced property values, and expensive tree removal and disposal costs, and

WHEREAS, trees damaged or killed by GSOB pose public safety hazards, and

WHEREAS, despite ongoing research, only limited integrated pest management options are currently available for GSOB, and

WHEREAS, GSOB can be introduced into uninfested areas through the movement of infested wood, and there is currently no oversight or regulation of the movement of infested wood within or between counties, and

WHEREAS, Southern California counties currently at risk of a GSOB infestation can mutually benefit from combining their efforts to prevent spread through cooperative outreach and education efforts, coordinating firewood movement, handling and certification policies, and collaborating on GSOB management strategies;



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all interested and responsible parties establish a task force composed of local, state, and federal agencies as well as public, private, and non-profit sector members to:

1. Foster cooperation, establish partnerships, and engage stakeholders that are concerned about addressing GSOB and determining the level of threat, and
2. Develop and support appropriate policy, garner support for research, education/outreach, and management sub-groups related to GSOB movement, and
3. Coordinate long-range strategic planning and best management practices to check and abate the spread of GSOB, and
4. Synthesize, evaluate, and publicize information related to this threat.

The formation of the Task Force will be initiated and assisted by a designee of the Chairman of the California Forest Pest Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that concerned members of private organizations, city councils, Agricultural Commissioners, California Department of Food and Agriculture, USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, USDA Forest Service, County Boards of Supervisors, the State Legislature, and the United States Congress are all urged to work cooperatively to meet the Task Force's mission and objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSOB Task Force will work cooperatively with organizations in providing guidance on disease/pest issues, but remain solely the GSOB Task Force without the inclusion of other pests affecting non-forest species.

Notification of this resolution will include, but not be limited to, the following groups; their support or participation is encouraged:

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