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# Quick Break

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## Your California Tree Failure Report Program E-Newsletter

### CTFRP Cooperators and Friends,

#### Four Announcements:

1. As announced by Dr. Matteo Garbellotto at the northern California annual meeting in January, his lab, with the cooperation of the University of California Cooperative Extension, is now offering free decay analysis for both hardwoods and conifers. Samples must be accompanied by a failure report using the ITFD form. [Instructions are attached.](#)

2. The structural failure profile for *Quercus lobata* (valley oak) published in *Western Arborist*, Winter 2013, is also available on the CTFRP website.  
[http://ucanr.edu/sites/treefail/Species\\_Profiles/Quercus\\_lobata/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/treefail/Species_Profiles/Quercus_lobata/)

3. There is now a page on the website for Annual Meetings presentations and handouts.  
[http://ucanr.edu/sites/treefail/Annual\\_Meeting\\_Speakers\\_Presentations\\_and\\_Handouts/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/treefail/Annual_Meeting_Speakers_Presentations_and_Handouts/)  
The first to be posted is Deborah Ellis' "Practical use of Tomography as part of Tree Risk Evaluation" presented on January 9, 2014. More will added as they become available.

4. For those of you who are iPad users, Yvan Smith, Solano Shade Tree, Vacaville, told me about an app he uses to record data on the ITFD form. It's called "Form Tools" It takes a PDF such as the ITFD form and turns it into a form that can be recorded on. It takes a little work to get the form functional (it took me about an hour), but once done you can use it on site, take it home and work on it later, e-mail it to me, save it or whatever...no paper involved.

**Finally, a great many thanks to all of you who brought the number of failures recorded in 2013 to 68.** Still, the number is far short of what we need in a year to obtain significant data for most species, so we hope you will all do your best to send in at least one report in 2014. The southern California meeting this year will be in May, date and venue to be determined.

[Get the report form here.](#)

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