



# MOMAS

MOTHERS OF MARIN AGAINST THE SPRAY  
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**THEY TOLD US  
IT WAS SAFE**



**THEY WERE WRONG THEN  
& THEY ARE WRONG NOW**

## PLANS FOR THE MOTH ERADICATION PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- Chemical filled diffusers called “twist ties” on trees in our neighborhoods and backyards.
- Ground pesticide sprays from trucks in our neighborhoods or by backpack sprayers in our yards.
- Pesticide filled plastic flakes sprayed from airplanes over agricultural and “forested areas” (Mt. Tam?).
- Plastic pesticide filled flakes, placed in a sticky adhesive and applied to shrubs in public and private yards.
- Sticky goo with permethrin, splattered on telephone poles and trees. Permethrin is a carcinogen, toxic to cats, bees and people.
- Mass release of millions of dyed, irradiated sterile moths and parasitic wasps.
- Treatments are designed to create continuous chemical exposure to the chemicals they emit for 3 – 5 years.

## END THE MOTH ERADICATION PROGRAM.

From September through November 2007, the State repeatedly sprayed pesticides from airplanes on Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Hundreds of people became ill; pets and seabirds died. They tried to spray the Bay Area, but together, we stopped them. Yet, they never ended their spray program.

### THEY'RE BACK AND IT'S NOT OVER.

The government is planning to continue it's chemical campaign against the **LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH** in our neighborhoods, hiking trails and backyards. The moth has caused no crop damage in California - but the program to exterminate it is costing us tens of millions of dollars per year – \$100 million spent already.

Join **MOMAS**, physicians, scientists, local businesses and farmers to take action to end the moth eradication program. Tell our government officials to protect our health, the health of our children, and our community.

## TAKE ACTION TODAY

- Sign up for MOMAS updates  
Send email to:  
mothersofmarin@yahoo.com
- Call/write/email key officials
- Donate to MOMAS

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
SEE REVERSE**

# ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO STOP THE MOTH PESTICIDE PROGRAM



## 1 Sign up for MOMAS updates!

- Send an email to MOMAS at [mothersofmarin@yahoo.com](mailto:mothersofmarin@yahoo.com) and ask to be added to our email list.
- You will receive updates and action alerts about the apple moth program and other important issues affecting the health of your children.
- We promise to keep our emails to a minimum.

## 2 Call or Write Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

- Ask him to reclassify the light brown apple moth from an actionable pest to a non-actionable pest, stop burdensome quarantines on our farmers, and end the moth eradication program.
- Tell him to use our scarce tax dollars for programs that are based upon sound science.
- Ask him to keep our families safe from toxic chemicals.

## 3 Call, Write or Fax

- Speaker Pelosi, Representative Woolsey, Senator Leno and Assembly Member Huffman and ask them to:
- Tell the USDA to reclassify the light brown apple moth.
- Keep toxic chemicals away from our neighborhoods and children.
- Do whatever it takes to end the eradication program. Tell them that decisions about pest control must be made based upon sound science.

## 4 Volunteer for MOMAS

We need you! Go to [www.momasunite.org](http://www.momasunite.org) to learn more.

## 5 Donate to MOMAS

Any amount makes a difference! Your support allows us to continue our work. All of MOMAS' work directly impacts the health of all children in our community. Make checks payable to Pesticide Watch Education Fund (write MOMAS in the memo line), and mail to: 1107 9th Street, Suite 601, Sacramento, CA 95814. All proceeds go directly to MOMAS.



### CONTACTS:

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#### Speaker Nancy Pelosi

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#### Representative Lynn Woolsey

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