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TO: Commercial Medfly Host Fruit Growers in the Suisun Valley and Green Valley
FROM: Simone Hardy, Solano County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures
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SUBJECT: Brief Status Update of the Fairfield/Suisun Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Medfly) Quarantine

Assuming there are no further detections of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Medfly) in the Fairfield/Suisun area, I am pleased to share that we are on track to potentially conclude the Medfly quarantine within the first week of August.

The requirement for a declaration of eradication to be issued is that no additional Medfly life stages are detected by trapping or visual surveys within three life cycles after the last detection in the quarantine area. Since the last wild Medfly detection occurred in November of 2017, and there have been no subsequent finds, based on the degree day temperature models, the end of the third life cycle could be on or about August 3, 2018.

The declaration is issued by the California of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) jointly with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Once this notice is issued the quarantine restrictions will be lifted for properties within the quarantine. This is usually accommodated by a press release and notice to all affected parties; Cities, County, growers, etc.

Please note: If further Medfly life stages are found between now and the estimated conclusion of the quarantine, the quarantine will be extended. If you are under a compliance agreement with USDA/CDFA, have host commodities, and are located within the quarantine area, please continue your pre-harvest bait treatments until officially noticed of the conclusion of the quarantine. If you have questions on pre-harvest bait treatments please contact CDFA at (916) 654-0312. If you have any questions regarding the status of the quarantine, or have questions about voluntary compliance agreement treatments for your commodities that are produced outside of the quarantine area please contact Linda Pinfeld, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner at (707) 784-1310.