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**Two Peach Fruit Flies Detected in Santa Clara County with Limited Treatments to  
Take Place in Two Areas of Palo Alto  
*Public and Visitors Are Reminded to Not Bring Uninspected Agriculture into the State***

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will conduct limited treatments in two areas of Palo Alto after two invasive Peach Fruit Flies were identified and confirmed on June 28 and July 2. The detections were made as part of a coordinated pest prevention system that protects agriculture, community, and natural resources from invasive species.

As a result of the confirmed detections, organic bait treatments will be applied beginning Thursday, July 11, within a 1.5-mile radius from where the fruit flies were found. Following the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), the California Department of Food and Agriculture uses a “male attractant” technique as the mainstay of its eradication effort for this invasive species. This approach has successfully eliminated dozens of fruit fly infestations in California.

Trained workers squirt a small amount of fruit fly attractant mixed with a very small dose of an organic material approximately 8-10 feet off the ground on street trees and similar surfaces. Male fruit flies are attracted to the mixture and perish after consuming it. An extended survey will be conducted with multiple Peach Fruit Fly traps placed going out 4.5 miles in each direction from original detection sites.

Individuals living or visiting California are encouraged to help protect California’s agricultural and natural resources and to not mail packages or travel with food, plants or other agricultural items that may contain pests and diseases that can be harmful to native species ([www.dontpackapest.com](http://www.dontpackapest.com)). While fruit flies and other invasive species that threaten California’s

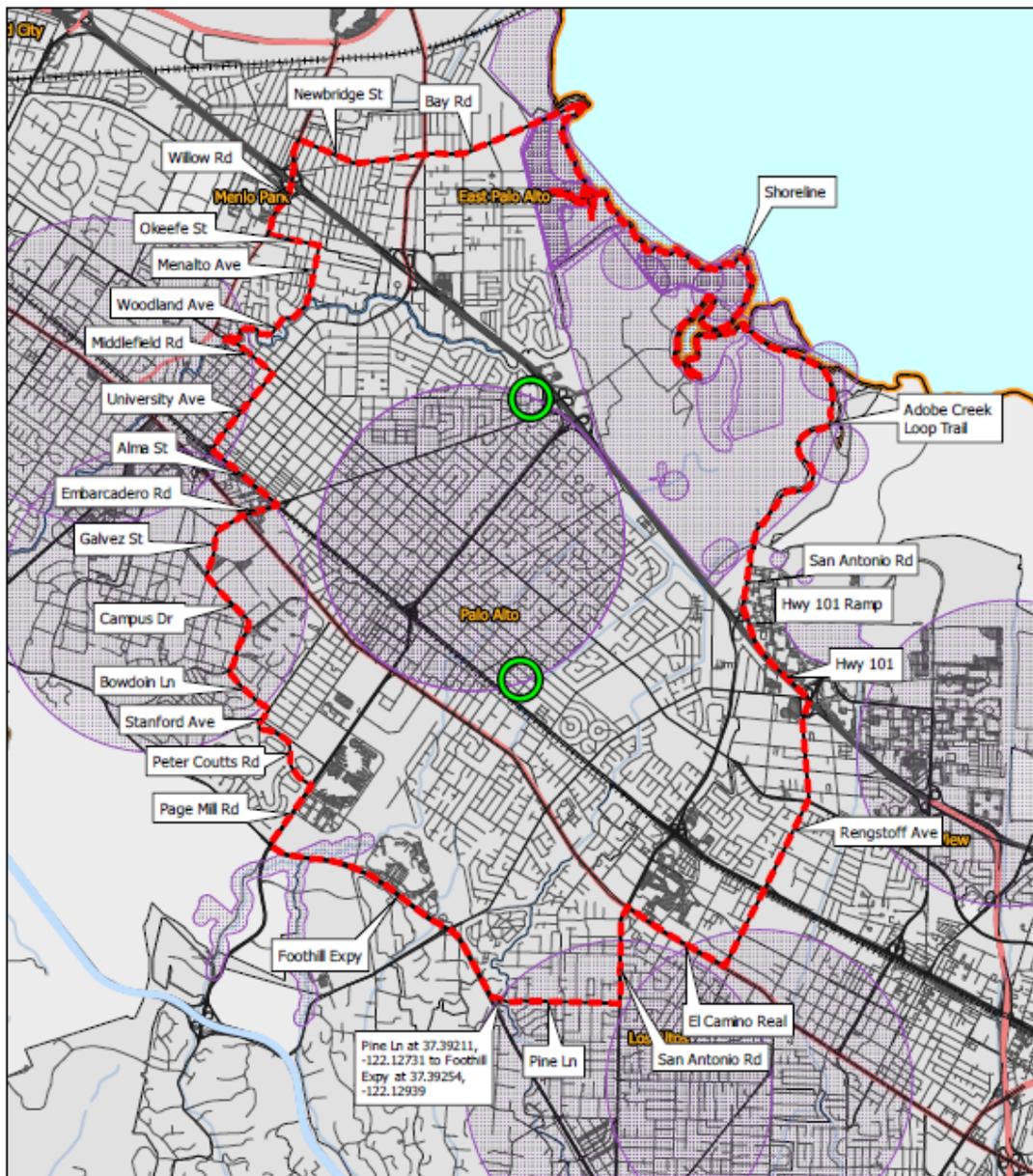
crops and natural environment are sometimes detected in agricultural areas, the vast majority are found in urban and suburban communities.

Peach Fruit Flies can affect 42 different fruit crops, including peaches, apples, apricots, citrus, tomatoes watermelons, dates and avocados.

Residents with questions about the project may call the County of Santa Clara Agricultural Commissioner's office at 408-918-4600. Additional information may be found here:

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PDEP/treatment/peach\\_ff.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PDEP/treatment/peach_ff.html)

### Peach Fruit Fly Eradication Project Palo Alto, Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties 2019



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Maximum Program Boundary  
Proposed 200 Meter Treatment Area

Sensitive Environmental Area/Treatment Mitigations in Place



## **ABOUT THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA**

The County of Santa Clara government serves a diverse, multi-cultural population of 1.9 million residents in Santa Clara County, the sixth largest county in California. With a \$8.1 billion budget, more than 70 agencies/departments and nearly 22,000 employees, the County of Santa Clara plans for the needs of a dynamic community, offers quality services, and promotes a healthy, safe and prosperous community for all. The County provides essential services including public health and environmental protection; behavioral health and medical services through the County of Santa Clara Health System including Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (Hospital and Clinics), O'Connor Hospital and Saint Louise Regional Hospital; child and adult protection services; homelessness prevention and solutions; roads, parks and libraries; emergency response to disasters; protection of minority communities and those under threat; access to a fair criminal justice system, and scores of other services, particularly for those members of our community in the greatest need.

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