

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INVASIVE SHOTHOLE BORER (ISHB) MONITORING,
IDENTIFICATION, AND MITIGATION – OUTREACH TRAINING FOR ARBORISTS, TREE
PROFESSIONALS, & FORESTERS**

August 13, 2026 | Live Oak Community Center (located at the Simpkins Family Swim Center), 979 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

AGENDA

Purpose: Provide a comprehensive overview of ISHB, the current state of the infestation in Santa Cruz County, and best practices for surveillance, identification, and mitigation.

8:00–8:30 AM — Registration, coffee, and networking.

8:30–8:40 AM — Welcome and meeting overview and objectives. Dave Sanford, Santa Cruz County Ag Commissioner's Office

8:40–9:10 AM — Background and status of ISHB infestation in Santa Cruz County. Brian Woodward, UC Cooperative Extension

9:10–9:20 AM — CDFA supported surveillance effort in Santa Cruz County. Blake Shaw, Santa Cruz County Ag Commissioner's Office

9:20–10:00 AM — ISHB biology, host range, and risk. Dr. Shannon Lynch, UC Davis

10:00–10:15 AM — Break

10:15–10:30 AM — ISHB monitoring and trapping studies in Santa Cruz County. Dr. Shannon Lynch, UC Davis

10:30–11:00 AM — Overview of best ISHB management practices. Dr. Bea Nobua-Behrmann, UC Cooperative Extension

11:00–11:20 AM — Santa Barbara County ISHB mitigation project – challenges and successes. TBA, Ag Commissioner's Office

Field Session

11:20–12:15 PM — Trap Deployment, Tree Assessments, and Response Protocols; Treatment (tree injection) demonstration.

ISA Continuing Education Credits: This meeting has been approved for ISA CEUs (TW: 3.5, CA: 3.5, MS: 3.5, BCMA-S: 1.25, BCMA-P: 2.25). Attendees seeking credit must sign-in upon arrival and remain for the duration of the training.

This is a free event. Any questions about this training can be directed to the Santa Cruz County Ag Commissioner's Office: **831-763-8080**