



Goldspotted Oak Borer

2024 *Virtual Symposium*

Online via Zoom Webinar

November 6, 2024 • 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ABOUT:

The goldspotted oak borer (GSOB) is an invasive wood-boring beetle that attacks and contributes to the mortality of oaks throughout southern California and remains a considerable threat. This **FREE Goldspotted Oak Borer Symposium** will provide current information gleaned from the latest research, monitoring, management and outreach activities conducted over the last several years.

Information presented will be helpful to land managers, parks and campground personnel, arborists, landscape professionals, and others who are interested in the stewardship of oaks and oak woodlands. Experts will share about the distribution, impacts and continued threats; GSOB life-cycle, and best practices for assessing and managing infestations to reduce its continued spread in oaks and oak woodlands, including practical examples of management at varying landscape scales.

PROGRAM:

Introduction to the Goldspotted Oak Borer: Threatened trees, biology, life cycle and distribution –

Kim Corella, Forest Pathologist – Forest Entomology and Pathology Program, CALFIRE

Best Management Practices for Goldspotted Oak Borer: IPM – monitoring, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and biological practices – Dr. Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann, Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

GSOB Infested Wood and Firewood Management Planning - Beth Kyre, Forest Entomologist, U.S. Forest Service

Industry and Agency Perspectives – Ricardo Aguilar, Owner, Aguilar Plant Care; Ian McBride, CALFIRE; and Ron Durbin, Chief, Forestry Division, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Community Case Study: Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council – Callie Squires and Kim Fryer

Landscape Case Study: Weir Canyon GSOB Management – Isaac Ostmann , Irvine Ranch Conservancy

Hope for the Future –

(1) What GSOB emergence tells us about management timing, Tom Scott, UC Natural Resource Specialist, Emeritus, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Division

(2) GSOB Management on US forest lands, Beth Kyre, Forest Entomologist, U.S. Forest Service;

(3) A New Way to Survey, Kevin Soland, Consultant, KRS Environmental Consulting

Next Steps: GSOB Education and Outreach Resources and Closing – Jan Gonzales, Community Education Supervisor, University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

Registration is required for this symposium. Register in advance at: <https://na.eventscloud.com/2024goldspotted>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

CEUs for this symposium:

DPR CE credits: 4.5 Other

WCISA credits: *pending*

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