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Fight Sudden Oak Death-10th Annual Sod Blitz April 9

Survey an area of your choosing for Sudden Oak Death ("SOD") during the 10th annual SOD Blitz. The Blitz is a citizen science project sponsored by UC Berkeley, with funding from the US Forest Service, the PG&E Foundation, and private forestry sources, that provides data for the academic studies used to understand and combat the spread of the disease. Lack of rain in the past four dry years has inhibited SOD spread, but the wet conditions of 2016 favor substantial new infections that will be important to identify.

Help fight Sudden Oak Death this year in the East Bay from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the Garden Room at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Learn about SOD and the Blitz leaf collection protocol from UC professor and SOD Blitz founder Dr. Matteo Garbelotto. Then, collect leaves from areas and at times of your choosing through Sunday, April 10. Dr. Garbelotto's lab will analyze the leaves for SOD and post the results this fall on the Blitz website map.

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