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Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Action Team Members:

Yesterday morning (April 4, 2006), one of our inspectors found a viable Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) egg mass on one of thirty-three 15-gallon size cherry laurels (*Prunus caroliniana*) that were part of a shipment of landscape plants from the Los Angeles County growing ground of a large wholesale nursery. The plants were intended for a residential landscape project in American Canyon. The find, by Agricultural Standards and Service Worker Gene Rose, was the first viable egg mass to be found in Napa in 2006.

The egg mass was taken to the CDFFA entomology laboratory in Sacramento the afternoon of April 4th for official identification and determination of viability. Within a couple of hours, the lab determined that the egg mass was indeed GWSS and was viable when found.

Documentation for the shipment showed that the plants were treated with the insecticide Talstar™ prior to shipment from Los Angeles County. Unfortunately, Talstar™ is not one of the treatments required by Napa County's more stringent standards. Follow-up with Los Angeles County and this nursery is being done and we are contemplating a broader reminder to Southern California commissioners and the nursery industry. Upon notification of rejection in this case, the wholesale nursery said that they would pick up the plants to take back to the nursery in southern California. Napa County inspectors checked the site yesterday to ensure that the plants had indeed been picked up.