



# NAPA COUNTY

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### Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Action Team Members:

Tuesday morning (May 9, 2006), one of our inspectors found a viable Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) egg mass on one of sixty-three 24" box Grecian Laurel trees (*Laurus nobilis*) that were the first of three planned shipments of Grecian Laurels from a Riverside County wholesale nursery. Approximately thirty old or parasitized egg masses were found on the trees along with the viable egg mass. The trees were intended for a landscape project at the Carneros Inn. The find, by Agricultural Standards and Service Worker Branden Woolley, was the third viable egg mass to be found this season in Napa County.

The egg mass was taken to the CDFA entomology laboratory in Sacramento the same day 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.

Documentation for the shipment showed that the trees were treated at the origin nursery with the insecticide Tame™ (fenprothrin) in accordance with Napa's restrictions on host plants entering the County. Upon notification of rejection, the wholesale nursery said that they would pick up the trees in the morning on May 10 and take them back to the nursery in Riverside. They also voluntarily cancelled sale and shipment of the remaining 120 trees. Napa County inspectors will check the site to ensure that the infested trees have been picked up.

We have contacted the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner and the California Department of Food and Agriculture for regulatory follow-up.

This is a good time to remind ourselves to promote the "Buy Plants Locally" message in our awareness campaign.