

**Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Project  
Department of Pesticide Regulation  
830 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Porterville Town Hall/Public Information Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: 3:00- 8:00 p.m.  
June 14, 2000

Meeting Venue:  
Porterville Public Library  
41 W. Thurman Ave.  
Porterville, CA.

Officials attended:  
Tulare County Ag. Comm.:  
Dan Bigham, Lenord Craft, Dennis  
Haines, Gary Kunkel, C. Lynn Thomas.  
CDFA: Jim Rudig, Peter Kurtz, Bob  
Wynn, Steve Lyle  
DPR (EHAP): Nina Bacey, Kean S.  
Goh, Roger Sava  
DPR (Enforcement): Leonard Herrera

Purpose: To provide information to the  
public and to address concerns on the  
sharpshooter and the spray program.



Lenord Craft on KFSN-TV

- 1) Several stations were set up in the auditorium and staffed by county and state officials. Stations included Medical Information, Pest Detection, Environmental Monitoring, running Power Point presentation on sharpshooter, and general brochures on exotic pests.
- 2) About 30 members of the public showed up and who had signed in.



Roger Sava & Nina Bacey with KBAK-TV

- 3) EHAP spoke with TV and press media on our monitoring efforts and demonstrated the high volume air sampling apparatus. Media interviews included:
  - a. Dennis Pollock, Fresno Bee
  - b. Angie Moriconi, KBAK-TV 29, Bakersfield
  - c. Erin Enos, KFSN-TV 30(ABC), Fresno/Visalia
  - d. Ethan Harp, KSEE-TV 24(NBC), Fresno
  - e. Trudy Hibler, Portervilleonline.com
  - f. Paul Redfield, KGET-TV 17(NBC), Bakersfield

- 4) We spoke with citizens that visited our station and solicited volunteers to site our air sampler in the event that their properties are targeted for the spray. Four people that lived in the infested area volunteered.
- 5) General questions asked by the public at our station were informational on what DPR are doing. Only one resident expressed concern on the spray because she has two children with asthma. We are considering locating a sampling station at her property in the event that GWSS is detected on her property during the intensive pest survey process and if spray occurred.



From Left

Bob Wynn with Nancy Kast (State Assembly), Trudy Hibler (press) interviewing Gary Kunkel and Dan Bigham



Dennis Pollock (Fresno Bee) interviewing Dr. Peter Kurtz (seated)