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# CHERRY BUCKSKIN MEETING

## A "Must Attend" Forum for Brentwood Cherry Growers

*Presented by:*

University of California Cooperative Extension  
Contra Costa County Agriculture Department

**Saturday, December 15, 2007**

**Diablo Valley Farm Center  
Delta Road & 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Knightsen**

**9 am – 11 am**

Cherry Buckskin Disease was found in Brentwood in 2002. Since that time it has been slowly spreading. This disease wiped out the cherry industry in Napa/Sonoma Counties in the 1930's. To this day, cherries cannot be grown in those counties. If you grow cherries *or are thinking about growing cherries* in Brentwood, come to this meeting to find out what you can do to prevent the same fate from happening here. We are at a critical point where appropriate management can keep this disease in check and preserve our cherry industry. **We will discuss the need for an assessment** on cherries to help control this disease and need input from all our cherry growers.

### **AGENDA**

- Disease identification and damage
- Area-wide preventative management
  - The annual survey
  - Orchard management
  - Orchard abatement and it's limits
- What else can we do?
  - Roundtable Discussion: How do we pay for the extra stuff?
    - A mandated assessment
    - A voluntary assessment
    - Other funding options

**Please RSVP by Dec 11<sup>th</sup> to UC Cooperative Extension at 925- 646-6540**