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## Memorandum

**DATE:** July 16, 2014  
**TO:** Members, Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mike Bennett, Orange County Agricultural Commissioner  
**SUBJECT:** Exotic Pest Find – Oriental Fruit Fly in Huntington Beach

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One Oriental Fruit Fly has been detected at a property near the intersection of Heil Avenue and Gothard Street in Huntington Beach. The Oriental Fruit Fly is an exotic pest that is capable of infesting over 125 varieties of fruits and vegetables by laying its eggs in ripening fruit, thus rendering the fruit inedible and unmarketable. The Oriental Fruit Fly is established in Southern Asia and is also established in Hawaii.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture fruit fly trapping program has detected this exotic fruit fly numerous times in past years in Orange County and it has always been successfully eradicated. The California Department of Food and Agriculture will continue trapping with pheromone scented traps to determine if there are other fruit flies present. Should additional flies be found, it is anticipated the state could conduct a ground-baiting program.

Residents can be referred to the California Department of Food and Agriculture Hotline at 1-800-491-1899 or visit the state website at [www.cdfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov) to learn more about the Oriental Fruit Fly and the eradication program. If you have questions or need additional information, please call Richard Tiffer at the Agricultural Commissioner Office at (714) 955-0123.

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