

Gypsy moth spraying hearing to be Jan. 29

FELTON — Representatives of the state Food and Agriculture Administration and the county Department of Agriculture will meet with San Lorenzo Valley residents 7 p.m. Jan. 29 to discuss the state's proposed gypsy moth treatment program.

The meeting will be at Felton Community Hall on Highway 9 in Felton.

The state is scheduled to spray for gypsy moth infestation in March to coincide with caterpillar reproduction. The state agency is following the recommendation of its advisory panel in spraying insecticide on the ground and in the air.

The ground treatment encompasses 175

acres to which carbarly (Sevin) will be applied three times in 10- to 14-day intervals.

A biological insecticide will be air-sprayed along 250 acres of downtown Felton, including the 175 acres of ground-treatment.

The insecticide will be sprayed by helicopter. Four to six applications of the mixture, *bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.), will be made at seven-day intervals.

The air application will be done at the same time as the ground treatment.

For more information, call the state Department of Food and Agriculture at (916) 324-3761.