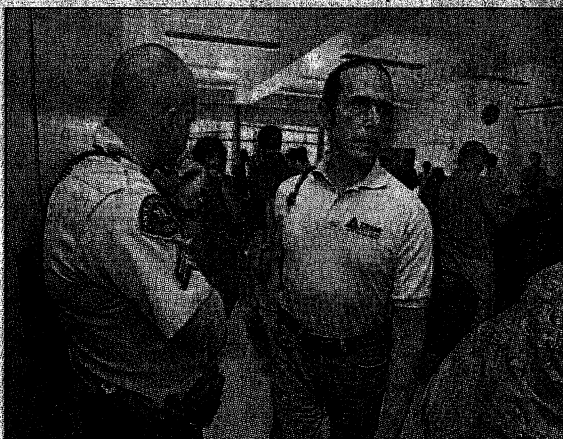


County residents lash out at officials over moth spraying



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State Agricultural Secretary A.G. Kawamura is confronted by sometimes angry residents concerned about spraying for the light brown apple moth at a meeting for county and city officials Wednesday at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. California Highway Patrol officers and sheriff's deputies were called to monitor the situation.



Capitola Mayor Mike Termini leaves the apple moth spray meeting; law enforcement was called to the session Wednesday when some in the crowd got upset with state officials.

Deputies called to meeting of ag department, local officials

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Light Brown Apple Moth
LIVE OAK — Nearly a half-dozen sheriff's deputies and California Highway Patrol officers had to be summoned to the Simpkins Family Swim Center on Wednesday when a handful of people opposed to aerial spraying to eradicate the light brown apple moth started screaming and becoming unruly.

"All I'm asking for you is to trust us," said a frustrated state Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura,

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implored the crowd while he rose to his feet at the end of the meeting.

Initially intended for just for elected officials, the meeting was packed with nearly 100 members of the public after it was erroneously reported as public in the Sentinel. Deputies stood guard as anger in the crowd built; many in attendance did not believe that an eradication program involving an obscure pesticide could be carried out in early November with-