

Moth battle heading to court

Light Brown Apple Moth

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✓ **SANTA CRUZ** — The battle over whether state officials should drop pesticide over urban areas to fight an invasive insect comes down to a final question: if an environmental review is necessary before spraying resumes.

The city and county of Santa Cruz asserted as much in a legal brief filed late Wednesday, as the two local governments sue the state to stop what they say is unnecessary spraying of a pesticide over homes and schools on the Central Coast.

The case will be heard in Santa Cruz County Superior Court on April 24.

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The judge decides

The Santa Cruz city and county's lawsuit against the California Department of Food and Agriculture is scheduled to be heard 8:30 a.m. April 24, in Santa Cruz County Superior Court, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz.