Gypsy moth: discovered in Seacliff

SANTA CRUZ - A second gypsy moth in recent weeks has been found in Santa Cruz County, the Agriculture Commissioner's office

reported Tuesday.

The adult male moth was found last Friday in a trap in Seacliff. acting commissioner Dave Moeller announced. It follows by three weeks one trapped in Henry Cowell State Park campground.

Moeller said 64 more traps have been placed around the original site. Because the finds were far apart, Moeller said there is probably no relationship between the two.

He said he hoped the find was a "single-moth event - a hitchhiker, an interloper" - that rode in on a recreational vehicle from another state.

The discovery of gypsy moths in the San Lorenzo Valley five years ago led to the aerial spraying of 175 acres with the biological agent Bacillus thuringiensis.