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Large, hand-made signs spell the message some community members feel about spraying for the light brown apple moth Tuesday at the Board of Supervisors meeting in Santa Cruz.

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Santa Cruz County supervisors vote to oppose apple moth spraying

Light Brown apple moth
Spraying will help protect food supply, Kawamura says *pp 10-24-07*

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The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday agreed to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed spraying in November of a pheromone pesticide to control the light brown apple moth.

In a packed boardroom, more than 20 community members lined up to address the supervisors with worries about

the proposed spraying, questioning the lack of long-term health studies of the chemicals and expressing concern that the spraying has never been done over urban areas.

The speakers also said that 10 years of aerial spraying for the LBAM in Australia have yet to eradicate the pest.

"There's no chance this will eradicate the moth. This is a program that will be going on

for many years," said community member Glen Chase. "Airplanes will be going over our rooftops for 10 years."

Others questioned the need for the spraying, saying that the LBAM has not reached an infestation level.

"We're talking about a little brown moth that a lot of the agricultural growers around

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