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OAKLAND – The California Department of Food & Agriculture announced today it will halt its plan to spray Bay Area cities to eradicate the Light Brown Apple Moth.

The Oakland City Attorney's Office has been working with Bay Area cities and groups including Earthjustice to stop the aerial spray program from happening without a serious environmental review.

Oakland City Attorney John Russo released the following statement:

“Today’s announcement is a victory for all Californians who believe that our government should not gamble with public health and the well being of our environment. After the court decisions in Santa Cruz and Monterey, the state’s plan to spray an untested chemical over our homes, businesses and schools without a proper environmental review was all but over. Credit is due to Secretary Kawamura for putting a stop to a poorly conceived program before Oakland and our neighbors had to go to court to do it for him.”
