AG COMMISSIONER UPDATE

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Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner
Citrus Stats - 2018

- 4th largest commodity group at $170,775,000
  - 15,802 Acres
- Lemons are the 4th largest commodity at $87,125,000
- 60 of 10 residential properties have a citrus tree
- 60 trees per week avg. of infected trees with HLB (1,700)
- 3.4 Billion for CA Citrus Industry
HLB

- **Corona 12/2019** - multiple trees (19) have been found.
- The 107-square mile quarantine area will link up with the east side of the existing quarantine in Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino counties, creating a contiguous 1,127-square-mile area.
- Two residential citrus trees in **Colton 1/2020**
- The expanded 51 square mile quarantine area will link up with the existing quarantines in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, putting more than 1,275-square miles of Southern California into the HLB quarantine area.
- The quarantine prohibits the movement of all citrus nursery stock or plant parts out of the quarantine area. Provisions exist to allow the movement of commercially cleaned and packed citrus fruit.
2018 to 2020
Citrus Tarping Enforcement

- History
- Contract with Counties
- Between Growers, Transporters, Packers, and Distribution Centers we have approx. 709 operations.
- In 2019 we have issued 56 NOV out of 4,060 inspections.
  - Violations: 20% tarping 80% Documents
- Concerns noted - Notifications & Paperwork!!!
ACP/HLB Citrus Tree Abatements

- Abandoned / Neglected Groves Identified - 92
- Number of neglected Dead/Dying Trees (approx.) - 26,481
- Acres Abatement Process - 1,344
- Complaints Received - 5
- Warning Letter Sent - 97
- Abatements by Owner Completed - 22
- Abatements by Owner in Progress - 35
- Final Notice of County Abatement - 11
Bee Protection Law - Bee Keeper

FAC 29040: Every person that is the owner or is in possession of an apiary which is located within the state, on the first day of January of each year, shall register the number of colonies in each apiary which is owned by the person and the location of each apiary.

FAC 29070: (a) Any person relocating a colony of bees from a registered apiary in one county to another county, where the apiary is not registered for the current calendar year, shall notify the destination commissioner within 72 hours of the first movement.
Bee Protection Regs - Bee Keeper

- CCR 6652: Availability for Notification

- (a) Each beekeeper who desires advance notice of applications of pesticides shall inform the commissioner of a two-hour period between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day, during which time the beekeeper shall be available for contact,
CCR Section 6654: Notification to Beekeepers

Each person intending to apply any pesticide toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner, whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.

(b) If the person performing pest control is advised of a request for notification, he or she shall notify the beekeeper, at least 48 hours in advance of the application, of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the application to be applied.
WELCOME TO BEEWHERE

Bringing beekeepers and pesticide applicators together to share best practices by tracking and safeguarding hive locations across California using innovative mapping tools. Learn more about BeeWhere.

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Beekeepers

Beekeepers can use this website to fulfill their obligation to register annually in their home county, notify other counties when they first move bees into those counties, and notify the County Agricultural Commissioner when they move bees to new locations within the county.

All information provided by beekeepers through this site is carefully protected according to the provisions of California law.
Ca. law requires beekeepers register bees with their County Ag Commissioners. Real-time GIS mapping system—mark hives with a simple map pin drop. #beeregistered

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FieldWatch is proud to announce the integration of our #BeeCheck app w/ the #BeeWhereCA platform in #California! Beekeepers in CA, as well as those out of state can use our free #app to register their hives!
Pesticide Updates

**Chlorpyrifos** - Feb 6th retail sales ended. Three public workshops throughout California were held last month to accept public comment on the Alternatives Working Group’s “Draft Outline: 5-year Action Plan to Respond to the Cancellation of Chlorpyrifos.” Use under current permit conditions ends 12/31/20.

**Hemp** - In December 2019, EPA approved adding hemp to the use sites of 10 pesticides. Nine of the products are biopesticides and one is a conventional pesticide. CDPR has received 7 of those for use in California but has not approved for CA. CDFA has posted draft emergency regulations for industrial hemp registration and criminal history reporting. CDFA continues to work on submittal of the CA State Hemp Plan to USDA.
**Neonics Mitigation** - Pollinator protection based on 2009 ecological risk assessment - What is appropriate mitigation? Looking at scope and will have meeting with stakeholders in April and look at risk with all crops registered for neonics and determine appropriate mitigation for each crop rather than a broad brush approach. EPA released a neonics report. CDPR to compare with our risk assessment.

**1,3-D Mitigation** - Workshops are planned for October. Looking at regional vs. State mitigation to reduce acute impacts. DPR understands that 100% tarping is not a viable option. How do we reduce emissions/exposures and not be cost prohibitive? They will be collecting ambient air and field data in the 3 areas of concern - Merced, Fresno, and Kern - looking at 5 year average in these townships near the current air monitoring stations for pilot programs.
Bumble Bee mitigation? - 4 bumble bees potentially could be listed as endangered species. DPR working with CDFA and CDFW on the potentials of these actually being successful in being listed and how that would effect Agriculture with pesticide use. Potential stakeholder meeting next month for a BMP approach to dealing with this issue.

AB1919 - This bill would provide that, if the director determines that violations of those specified provisions occurring on or after January 1, 2021, have been committed in multiple jurisdictions, involve a priority investigation involving human or environmental health effects, as defined, or are not appropriate to be enforced by a county agricultural commissioner for specified reasons, the director may levy a civil penalty of up to $25,000 for each violation.