

CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee

California Department of Pesticide Regulation Report

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Consultations, Outreach, Engagement

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is committed to working with California Native American Tribes, both federally recognized and non-federally recognized, through consultation and meaningful engagement when developing regulations, rules, and policies that affect Tribal land and cultural and natural resources.

Environmental monitoring of resources on or impacting Tribal land, research authorizations for pesticide applications that could impact Tribal land, implementation of Sustainable Pest Management (SPM), and enforcement actions involving pesticide applications on or impacting Tribal land conducted under contract by pest control operators are examples of areas for consultation.

Consultations for Q4

- None

Tribal Engagements in Q4

- None

Updates and Action Items

Department Updates

Message from DPR Director Julie Henderson

I am retiring, and I want to thank the Committee for the constructive consultation and engagement we've had and that you've had with our department. I also want to thank Sarah Ryan for her valuable service and contributions to the Sustainable Pest Management Work Group and the Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap. I'm sorry that I won't see you at the January 27 CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee meeting. I'll miss our work together but know the strong team at DPR will continue to carry on that work with you.

DPR's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan

DPR released its final [2024-28 Strategic Plan](#) on December 6, 2024. The plan includes an updated mission and vision and outlines measurable goals to support increased access to sustainable pest management alternatives, improved timelines for evaluating pesticide risks, strengthened statewide

enforcement, and increased transparency into the department's priorities and decision-making. Among the plan's goals is a focus on strengthening relationships with California Native American tribes by "promoting and supporting efforts to expand environmental programs through culturally relevant, meaningful engagement, training, targeted outreach, technical assistance, and consultation".

Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)

In 2023, the legislature passed and the governor signed AB 652, requiring DPR to establish an environmental justice advisory committee (EJAC) by January 1, 2026. The statute specifies that the EJAC shall include "at least 1 representative from Native American, Tribal, or indigenous tribal groups". DPR will begin outreach to solicit nominations for the committee in Q2 of 2025.

Tribal-Led Tours

DPR received discretionary funds from US EPA to support tribal engagement activities for fiscal year 2024/2025. DPR is planning to host two tribal-led tours that would include partnering with California Native American Tribes to visit tribal lands impacted by environmental hazards, including pesticide impacts, and include meetings to hear the tribes' priorities, concerns and opportunities. DPR welcomes and would appreciate any recommendations or suggestions from the TAC on planning/hosting these events. Funds must be expended by July 1, 2025.

Pesticide Notification System- "SprayDays California"

DPR is preparing to launch a statewide pesticide application notification system, called "SprayDays California", to provide the public with advance, transparent and equitable access to information about agricultural restricted material pesticide applications. DPR anticipates launching the system in Q1 of 2025. DPR's website includes updates and a video demonstration of the system in development:

[Statewide Pesticide Application Notification System Updates.](#)

Department Priorities

DPR is working to accelerate a statewide transition to sustainable pest management. The department, CalEPA and the California Department of Food and Agriculture released the Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap in January 2023. Sustainable Pest Management (SPM) is a holistic, whole-system approach to managing pests in agricultural and other managed ecosystems and urban and rural communities that builds on the concepts of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) with broader consideration of health, equity, environmental and economic challenges. IPM is a strategy that focuses on long-term pest prevention through biological controls, habitat manipulation and other approaches. The Sustainable Pest Management roadmap is on the DPR website and can be viewed here.

https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/sustainable_pest_management_roadmap/

As reflected in our 2024-28 Strategic Plan, our focus on sustainable pest management includes supporting increased access to sustainable pest management alternatives and improving timelines for evaluating high-risk pesticides.