

CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee

April 2023: California Department of Pesticide Regulation Report

Consultations

Consultation with Tribes is required by Executive Order B-10-11. Actions that may have a direct Tribal implication, which could make consultation appropriate, would include the development and implementation of regulations, rules, policies, or guidelines that directly impact Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with a geographic area, or the development and implementation of programs that directly impact Tribes.

Environmental monitoring of resources impacting Tribal land, research authorizations for applications that could impact Tribal land, and enforcement actions involving pesticide applications on Tribal lands conducted under contract by pest control operators are examples of situations that could potentially require consultation.

A less formal process such as webinars, phone calls, or face-to-face interactions with staff may be sufficient for more routine operational matters or matters that do not have substantial direct effect on Tribes.

Consultations initiated during Q1

- One

Contacted during Q1

- Worked with The Yurok Tribe to become independent licensees for their work with the Klamath River Renewal Project. The Yurok Tribe had been working under Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC who was the lead for the restoration project. The CDPR was able to help The Yurok Tribe secure a Pest Control Business license and allow them to be a stand-alone company in the Klamath Renewal Project.

Funding Projects

None

Resources and Opportunities

Resources

- [Alliance Grant Program](#)
- [Research Grant Guidance Document](#)
- [California Grants Portal](#)

Opportunities

Alliance Grant Program

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) Alliance Grants Program provides funding to projects that promote or increase the implementation, expansion, and/or adoption of effective and proven [integrated pest management \(IPM\)](#) systems or practices that reduce risks to public health and the environment in agricultural, wildland, or urban settings. Successful applications will demonstrate strong partnerships, outreach, and/or an educational or training component to promote IPM and the broad application of the proposed IPM systems or practices. The most competitive Alliance Grant projects are those that can serve as a model for similar situations and have a high potential for wide adoption.

Research Grant Program

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) Research Grants Program was established to promote the development of reduced risk pesticide use practices by funding research that contributes to the advancement of [integrated pest management \(IPM\)](#) systems. Voluntary adoption of IPM systems reduces potential impacts without the need for regulation by reducing the use of high-risk pesticides. Once the performance of such IPM systems has been established through research, interested organizations may wish to apply for an [Alliance Grant](#), which can be used to demonstrate and promote adoption of the IPM systems.

The Alliance Grants Program had \$50,000 to \$1.8 available while the Research Grants Program had \$50,000 to \$3.75 available.

Pest Management Advisory Committee

The Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) was established in 1992 to assist the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) in identifying and promoting [integrated pest management \(IPM\)](#) practices that reduce the risk of pesticide use to public health and the environment. Committee members review Research and Alliance Grant proposals, rank them based on the criteria stated in either the [Research Grant Guidance Document](#) or the [Alliance Grant Guidance Document](#), and PMAC provides its funding recommendation to DPR's Director. PMAC consists of 30 members. For information about the current roster, please visit [PMAC's membership roster \(PDF\)](#). PMAC typically meets up to four times per year virtually or at DPR's headquarters in Sacramento. For more information about the meetings, please visit the [PMAC 2022 meeting schedule](#).

Other Funding Opportunities

In partnership with DPR and other state grant making agencies, the California State Library has launched the [California Grants Portal](#), a central hub for grant seekers to find all State grant and loan opportunities. The Grants Portal provides another avenue for applicants to find additional information on DPR's Grant programs, as well as other relevant State grant and loan opportunities.

Sustainable Pest Management Group

The Sustainable Pest Management Work Group meets monthly, and additionally in smaller issue-specific groups. The group began meeting in April 2021 and met into early 2023. The process includes identifying criteria for recommendations that will be included in the roadmap, conducting an in-depth systems analysis and learning by the group as whole, developing a draft roadmap, receiving feedback from the

public on the initial recommendations, and finalizing the recommended roadmap to provide to the Governor, CalEPA, CDFA and DPR.

The draft roadmap has been released by CDPR and the link can be found in the priorities list below.

Engagement Opportunities

- The CDPR will take the advice of the TAC Committee and work on ways to approve engagement opportunities for tribes moving forward.

Priorities for 2023 and beyond

- Continue to work and offer consultations and/or solutions to questions tribes may have regarding the CDPR and how we could collaborate with tribes in protecting human health and the use of pesticides within and surrounding their communities.
- Implement staff training regarding the history of Native Americans in California and what consultation means to CDPR. CDPR has put on hold a “California Tribal History and Tribal Cultural Awareness” training planned for the CDPR staff in 2023. This may be replaced by CAL-EPA training. Discussions with the TAC have been in progress.
- Offer tribes an opportunity to be involved in the Environmental Workshops our Environmental Justice programs schedules throughout the state. You can sign up for notifications on all of the CDPR programs here <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/listserv/listdesc.htm>
- For updates on the development of the Statewide Pesticide Application Notification System, please go here https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pesticide_notification_network/.
- PUR discussions are ongoing.
- The Sustainable Pest Management roadmap is on the CDPR website and can be viewed here. https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/sustainable_pest_management_roadmap/
- Liaison has asked to be made aware of grant application that is involving tribes and have asked to be updated on the progress.