



***CA Cotton Ginners and Growers  
Association  
2021 Annual Meeting***

***Crop Protection and Chemical Update***





# ***Crop Protection and Chemical Update***

## ***Driving Political Philosophies***

- ***California Environmental Quality Act – 1970***
  - ***DPR Equivalency***
- ***Environmental Justice (EJ) – 2000***
  - ***Precautionary Principle - 2001***
- ***Citizen/Community Science (AB 617) - 2018***





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## ***2021 Legislative Challenge***

- ***Mill Tax Increase – Administration Proposal***
  - ***Increase and tiering of pesticide mill tax based on US-EPA signal words***
    - ***“No Signal Word” or “Caution” – Increase from current mil of 21.75 to 26 mil***
    - ***“Warning” – increase from current mil of 21.75 to 40 mil***
    - ***“Danger” – increase from current mil of 21.75 to 45 mil***
  - ***Increase in mil would be used to pay for:***
    - ***Structural deficit within DPR brought on by unfunded legislative mandates***
    - ***Substantial increase is U.C. pest research funding***
    - ***Increased funding for Ag Commissioners for outreach to EJ/AB 617 communities***
    - ***Increased funding for DPR to engage in outreach to EJ/AB 617 communities***
- ***Increase translates to a \$45 million or 50% increase in DPR budget***





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## *2021 Legislative Challenge*

- ***Senate Proposal***
  - *No mil tax increase*
  - *Structural deficit and new programs funded by State General Fund for two years*
  - *Would provide funding for same programs as Administration proposal*
  - *After two years, general fund programs would be paid for by ???*
- ***Assembly Proposal - ?***
- ***Stakeholder Proposal***
  - *Two mil over three years to cover structural deficit*
  - *Divided over additional two mil over three years to support Ag Commissioners and UC Research*





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## ***2021 Regulatory Challenges***

- ***Pesticide Registration Fee Increase to Implement CalPEST***
  - ***Must establish mutually agreed upon metrics on registration timeline measurements with stakeholders***
  - ***DPR reports to legislature on registration improvements as part of budget hearings***
- ***Formal Neonic Regulatory Proposal***
- ***CARB Community Science Initiative (AB 617)***
- ***Pesticide Application Notification Program***
- ***Treated Seeds***
- ***DPR Sustainability Working Group***





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## ***2021 Regulatory Challenges***

- ***Outside Agencies***

- ***CA Air Resources Board***

- ***AB 617 Community Science Initiative Expansion***

- ***Regional Water Boards***

- ***Surface Water Regulations***

- ***CA Fish & Wildlife Commission***

- ***Continued Attempts to List Insects Under CESA***





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## ***2021 Legal Challenges***

- ***Western Bumblebee Litigation (CESA)***
- ***Prop. 65 – Glyphosate***
- ***Rodenticides***
- ***Central Valley & Coast Water Board Regulations***
- ***Treated Seeds (NRDC Petition)***





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*Questions?*

