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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?