

# Volare Aerial

Current CA DPR regulations for aerial drone application of beneficial insects are overly restrictive. This is hindering farmers who want to transition to IPM and organic farming methods. While Federal FAA Part 137( agricultural aircraft operations) specifically exempts aerial application of beneficial insects, California DPR still regulates the drone application of beneficial insects as if they were a dangerous pesticide or herbicide!

CA DPR needs to align its regulations with respect to aerial application of beneficial insects to the same standard as FAA Part 137 which exempts beneficial insects.

This one change which would have ZERO impact on worker and consumer safety would enable farmers to use drone technology to assist in the transition to organic farming.

**PLEASE EXEMPT THE DRONE APPLICATION OF BENEFICIAL INSECTS FROM THE CA DPR REQUIREMENTS FOR AN UNMANNED PEST CONTROL PILOT CERTIFICATION WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SAFETY FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS!**