

David Phippen

Dear DPR Members:

My name is David Phippen and my 3 partners and I farm almonds in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Countys. We also hull & shell almonds for customer growers in Californis and also pack and market almonds for many of those same growers. We are very active participants of the almond industry.

We grow approximately 2500 acres owned by various Family Member Partnerships. We use farm protective chemicals on all of this acreage and do our best to be the best stewards of the land and also be good neighbors to those folks who also live here in California.

We are writing to you today to share with you that we are adamantly opposed to your proposed new notification system concerning our use of farm chemicals. We currently notify the county ag commissioner when we apply restricted chemicals. The current system serves us and our adjacent neighbors very well. Placing our private chemical application intentions on the web—to folks whom may not live anywhere close to our application site is completely against our privacy needs.

Furthermore, such notice will likely attract those members of our nation whom are completely opposed to the legal use of farm chemicals to our application sites. Such attraction will likely expose more citizens to our chemical application operations. How can this be helpful??

Please give pause and second thought to this misaligned idea of mass notification of our private farming matters.

Respectfully,

David Phippen

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