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Attached, please find Public Comment by the California State Board of Food and Agriculture.



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RE: Public Comment - SprayDays California

Dear Director Morrison:

On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, I would like to commend the Department on a successful implementation of SprayDays California. The Annual Status Update not only demonstrated the program's transparency but also the ability of the tool to provide timely and reliable information to the public.

As the Nation's first statewide pesticide notification system, SprayDays has underscored California's leadership in advancing sustainability. In addition, the initiative aligns with a priority of California's Agricultural Vision to foster climate-smart, resilient, and regenerative food systems.

California is the most regulated state for pesticide use and all materials used in agricultural production are reviewed and approved by federal and state authorities. Further, California farmers have reduced pesticide use continuously over the last 10 years. During this period, highly regulated categories of pesticides use have shown declines of 22 to 81 percent. California is the largest agricultural producer in the nation, providing safe and high quality food products to consumers.

SprayDays California has provided the public improved access to information about the intended use of California restricted material pesticides in production agriculture. The Board believes SprayDays, as summarized in the Annual Status Update, has met the objective of keeping the public and interested parties informed about these intended uses. Further potential enhancements and changes to the program should align with the



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stated purpose of SprayDays and maintain the confidentiality, location reporting (one square mile), and other protections currently in place. An improvement to the system would be to better manage Notice of Intent (NOIs) when applications do not occur.

The Board appreciates the collaboration with the Department on this issue, and we look forward to further updates as outreach and engagement continue. We also respectfully request that the Board be consulted prior to any potential expansion or modifications to the statewide notification system beyond the original scope of this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "C".

Don Cameron
President

cc: Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture