FINDING OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

Title 3. California Code of Regulations
Amend Sections 6502 and 6505
Licensing and Certification Application and Exam Fees

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) finds that pursuant to section 11502.5(g) of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), an emergency exists and that the adoption of these regulations is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare. These regulations shall remain in effect until amended by the Director.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

DPR's mission is to protect human health and the environment by fostering sustainable pest management and regulating pesticides in California. One way DPR fulfills its mission is through its Licensing and Certification Program. This program is responsible for examining and licensing over 25,000 qualified pesticide applicators, businesses, and pest control advisers to ensure they have the knowledge and ability to use pesticides safely and effectively.

Senate Bill (SB) 1049 (Stats. 2003, Ch. 741) required DPR to set in regulation fees for and in connection with various licenses and certificates, including application fees, exam fees, renewal fees, late fees, and other fees, pertaining to the sale and use of pesticides. SB 1049 also amended existing FAC section 11502.5 to require these fees to be set so that the total fee revenue collected each fiscal year is sufficient to support the expenditure levels for the Licensing and Certification program contained in the annual Budget Act. DPR was also given the authority to set and adjust these fees through emergency rulemaking (FAC, § 11502.5, subd. (g)). In 2004, DPR set in regulation the fees for license and certificate applications, renewals, exams, and various related services at levels sufficient at the time to support the Licensing and Certification Program's expenditure levels (Table 1). Existing regulations in sections 6502, 6505, 6508, and 6512 in title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) establish fees for license and certificate applications, renewals, exams, and various related services.

Table 1. Current license and certificate fees set in Title 3, California Code of Regulations Sections 6502, 6505, and 6508

License/Certificate	Exam	New Application	2 nd Year for New Application	2-Year Renewal	Late Renewal Penalty	Name Change or Duplicate License Request
Pilot Certification (Journeyman,	\$50	\$60	\$45	\$90	\$45	\$20

Apprentice, or Vector Control Technician)						
Designated Dealer Agent	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$25	\$20
Maintenance Gardener Business	-	\$80	\$80	\$160	\$80	\$20
Pesticide Broker, Main or Branch	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20
Pest Control Advisor	\$50	\$80	\$70	\$140	\$70	\$20
Pest Control Business, Branch	-	\$80	\$80	\$160	\$80	\$20
Pest Control Business, Main	-	\$160	\$160	\$320	\$160	\$20
Pesticide Dealer, Branch	-	\$80	\$80	\$160	\$80	\$20
Pesticide Dealer, Main	-	\$160	\$160	\$320	\$160	\$20
Qualified Applicator Certificate	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$60	\$30	\$20
Qualified Applicator License	\$50	\$80	\$60	\$120	\$60	\$20

The changes proposed in this emergency rulemaking action will increase license and certificate application, renewal, and exam fees so that the total revenue collected from these fees is sufficient to support the expenditure levels for DPR's Licensing and Certification Program. Additionally, the proposed changes will amend forms incorporated by reference to include new revision dates, reflect the new fees, and make several nonsubstantive changes.

The broad objective of this emergency action is to ensure that DPR has sufficient funds to administer the Licensing and Certification Program, as required by law. A sufficiently funded program will provide a benefit by enabling DPR to license and certify competent and responsible pest control applicators, businesses and advisers to help safeguard the protection of both worker and public health and safety and the environment.

DPR determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. DPR is the only state agency with the authority to establish fees to support the DPR's licensing and certification programs.

SPECIFIC FACTS SHOWING NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

DPR's license and certificate application, exam, renewal, and other associated fees have remained the same since 2004. Starting in fiscal year 2019-20, the Licensing and Certification Program revenue collected from those fees has been insufficient to support the expenditure levels for the program (Table 2). The deficit between revenue and expenditures is projected to continue to increase in the coming years.

Table 2. Licensing and Certification Program Expenditures and Revenues*, Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2027-28, as presented during April-May comment period.

Fiscal Year	2017- 18	2018- 19	2019- 20	2020- 21	2021- 22	2022- 23	2023- 24**	2024- 25**	2025- 26**	2026- 27**	2027- 28**
	10	19	20	Z1	22	23	24	23	20	21	20
Anticipated	2,345	2,659	2,872	3,566	3,749	4,043	4,082	4,505	5,612	5,256	5,256
Expenditures											
Revenue	2,591	2,881	2,398	2,471	2,294	2,494	2,294	2,494	2,294	2,494	2,494
General Fund						833	833				
Bridge support											
Surplus	246	222	(474)	(1,095)	(1,455)	(716)	(955)	(2,011)	(3,318)	(2,762)	(2,762)
(Deficit)											

^{*} in thousands

The expenditure increases are primarily due to increases in mandatory employee compensation costs and Budget Change Proposals to address implementation of federal mandates, electronic exams, and other programmatic changes. In fiscal year 2020-21, expenditures also increased to support DPR's emergency contract for proctoring services for computer-based licensing and certification exams during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the 2022-23 budget, the Legislature approved \$1.25 million in ongoing funds to provide broader applicant access to exams and study materials by continuing to fund computerbased exams, study guide content development, and for three (3) permanent positions to meet unfunded federal mandates for the program to comply with new certification and training requirements that went into effect on January 1, 2024. The Legislature also provided a two-year General Fund bridge to allow DPR to maintain the computer-based exam service and immediately hire personnel needed to implement the federal certification and training mandates. The General Fund bridge was for fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24. Beginning in the current fiscal year 2024-25, these program costs must be supported by licensing and certification program-generated fee revenue. In addition, as part of the 2024-25 Governor's January Budget, the administration proposed an additional \$800,000 in ongoing funds plus a one-time \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 for an additional three (3) permanent positions and contract funds to provide support developing exam and study guide materials and to address processing backlogs in the licensing and certification program. The May Revise budget further proposed an additional \$0.4 million in ongoing funds to support 2.5 positions to implement AB 1016 (Jones-Sawyer), Chapter 354, Statues of 2023, authorizing DPR to adopt regulations establishing a Private Unmanned Pest Control Aircraft Certification.

On May 2, 2024, DPR held a stakeholder webinar to share information, answer questions, and receive feedback from license holders and other stakeholders on DPR's proposal to increase licensing and certification fees to a level that supports the current and future business needs of the licensing and certification program. Fees need to double to cover the expenditures in the 2022-23 budget and make up for the two-year limited General Fund bridge support. DPR shared its initial proposed increase of 2.4 times the current licensing fees to support both current

^{**}Projections based on anticipated expenditures and historic revenues

budgeted expenditures and the projected program costs in 24/25 proposed budget (equivalent to an approximate 140% increase to current fees). The webinar was attended by 76 stakeholders. DPR also held an informal comment period between April 24, 2024 and May 24, 2024 to receive comments on the proposed fee increases. DPR received 139 comments. The comments received about the fee proposal were primarily concerns that the increase was too much at once; would create additional barriers to obtaining a license; lacked transparency on whether the increase of fees would subsidize non-licensing work; should support electronic licensing submissions, renewals, and payments; and should match the Governor's January budget proposal. Other comments included concerns about the level of current services and potential alternate strategies for funding. These comments were reviewed and considered before DPR determined the fee increases described below.

On June 29, 2024, the Governor signed the final 2024/25 State Budget. This included funding described above. DPR is proposing to fund the positions needed to implement AB 1016 primarily from the mill assessment (90%), with the remainder being supported by licensing fees. In order to collect sufficient revenue to support the 2024/25 Budget, DPR is updating the proposal shared in earlier this year to instead increase the fees to 2.25 times the current licensing fees (equivalent to an approximate 122% increase to current fees). The updated anticipated expenditures and revenues are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Anticipated expenditure and revenue projections* based on approved 24/25 State Budget and increased fee amounts.

Fiscal Year	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Anticipated Expenditures	4,506	5,612	5,256	5,256	5,256
Projected Revenues	5,528	5,082	5,528	5,082	5,528
Surplus (Deficit)	1,022	(530)	272	(174)	272

^{*} in thousands

DPR acknowledges that the proposal reflects a significant increase in fees. DPR is required by FAC section 11502.5(e) to set fee rates at a level to generate revenue to fully support the Licensing and Certification Program work. Revenues from the current fees, last adjusted in 2004, are not sufficient to support the operations of the Licensing and Certification program. The 2.25 times increase to current fee rates encompasses an approximate doubling of revenue needed to support current existing program services and additional revenue increase needed to support Licensing and Certification program positions and services in the 2024-25 annual budget. All revenue collected from licensing and certification fees is only allocated to support Licensing and Certification program expenses.

In the upcoming years, the Licensing and Certification program is working on streamlining processes. The program will pursue transitioning to a three-year license renewal cycle, after first addressing the fee changes and full implementation of the certification and training requirements; working towards developing electronic application and payment processing systems; and

building off DPR's current work by expanding access to licenses by creating more study guides and exams in non-English languages.

DPR understands the budgeting concerns raised by commenters but is not able to delay or gradually phase in implementation of the fee increases. The current fees do not support the current costs to maintain the Licensing and Certification program. By law, the funding to administer this program must come from licensing fees, therefore DPR is raising fees to support the program based on current and projected program costs and submitted licensing and certification applications.

As indicated in Tables 2 and 3, at the current fee level-generated revenue, the Licensing and Certification Program has not been self-supported, as mandated by FAC section 11502.5(e), since 2019 and that support deficit will continue to increase. Pursuant to FAC section 11502.5(g), DPR finds that an emergency exists and that existing licensing application, renewal, and exam fees will need to be raised to meet ongoing existing program expenditures, including the necessary funding to cover the positions approved by the Legislature in the 2022-23 budget. At this time, the fees for license name change and replacement/duplicate license copy requests (3 CCR section 6508) and continuing education course approvals (3 CCR section 6512) will remain the same.

Effective August 5, 2024, DPR proposes to amend the fees listed in 3 CCR sections 6502 and 6505 to a factor of 2.25 times their current rates (Table 3). This reflects the final, approved 2024-25 State Budget. In addition, DPR is proposing to establish Pesticide Broker application and renewal fees of \$20. The Pesticide Broker license requires similar levels of administrative processing as license duplication or name change applications, which both have a set fee of \$20 (3 CCR section 6508). Therefore, based on the work and time required to process a Pesticide Broker license, a \$20 fee is appropriate. The proposed increase in license and certificate fees, as shown in Table 4, are projected to generate \$2.9 million more revenue per year than current fees. The projected revenue from the proposed fees is anticipated to cover the ongoing annual expenses through fiscal year 2027-28.

Table 4. Proposed changes to the License and Certificate fees

License/Certificate	Exam		New Application		2 nd Year for New Application		2-Year Renewal		Late Renewal Penalty	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Pilot Certification (Journeyman, Apprentice, or Vector Control Technician)	\$50	\$115	\$60	\$135	\$45	\$100	\$90	\$200	\$45	\$100
Designated Dealer Agent	\$50	\$115	\$25	\$55	\$25	\$55	\$50	\$110	\$25	\$55
Maintenance Gardener Business	-		\$80	\$180	\$80	\$180	\$160	\$360	\$80	\$180
Pesticide Broker, Main or Branch	-		\$0	\$20	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$20
Pest Control Advisor	\$50	\$115	\$80	\$180	\$70	\$160	\$140	\$320	\$70	\$160
Pest Control Business, Branch	-		\$80	\$180	\$80	\$180	\$160	\$360	\$80	\$180
Pest Control Business, Main	-		\$160	\$360	\$160	\$360	\$320	\$720	\$160	\$360
Pesticide Dealer, Branch	-		\$80	\$180	\$80	\$180	\$160	\$360	\$80	\$190
Pesticide Dealer, Main	-		\$160	\$360	\$160	\$360	\$320	\$720	\$160	\$360
Qualified Applicator Certificate	\$50	\$115	\$40	\$90	\$30	\$70	\$60	\$140	\$30	\$70
Qualified Applicator License	\$50	\$115	\$80	\$180	\$60	\$135	\$120	\$270	\$60	\$135

In addition, DPR proposes to amend 3 CCR section 6502(c) to reflect updates to form numbers and revision dates. The header of the middle column in Table 2--License and Certificate Renewal Application Fees and Forms will also be amended to clarify that the listed fees are the annual renewal amounts. Additionally, the following forms incorporated by reference in 3 CCR section 6502 are being amended to include new revision dates of 07/24, reflect the new fees, and make several nonsubstantive changes:

- 1. Qualified Applicator License Application LIC-001 (Rev. 07/23)
- 2. Qualified Applicator Certificate Application LIC-001A (Rev. 07/23)
- 3. Pest Control Business License Application LIC-042 (Rev. 07/23)
- 4. Agricultural Pest Control Adviser Application LIC-084 (Rev. 07/23)
- 5. Pest Control Aircraft Pilot Certificate Application LIC-005 (Rev. 07/23)
- 6. Pest Control Dealer Designated Agent License Application LIC-043 (Rev. 07/23)
- 7. Pest Control Business Renewal Application LIC-192 (Rev. 07/23)
- 8. Individual License/Certificate Renewal Application LIC-141 (Rev. 07/23)
- 9. Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License Application DPR-PML-004 (Rev. 10/18)
- 10. Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business Renewal Application DPR-PML-186 (Rev. 04/18)
- 11. Pest Control Dealer License Application DPR-PML-041 (Rev. 10/18)
- 12. Pest Control Dealer License Renewal Application DPR-PML-191 (Rev. 04/18)
- 13. Pesticide Broker License Application DPR-PML-217 (Rev. 10/18)
- 14. Pesticide Broker License Renewal Application DPR-PML-190 (Rev. 04/18)

Throughout the forms, Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License Application DPR-PML-004 (Rev. 10/18), Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business Renewal Application DPR-PML-186 (Rev. 04/18), Pest Control Dealer License Application DPR-PML-041 (Rev. 10/18), Pest Control Dealer License Renewal Application DPR-PML-191 (Rev. 04/18), Pesticide Broker License Application DPR-PML-217 (Rev. 10/18), and Pesticide Broker License Renewal Application DPR-PML-190 (Rev. 04/18), DPR proposes to make nonsubstantive changes for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Formatting throughout these forms will be revised so that words in uppercase will be in sentence case. This allows for electronic screen readers to effectively read the material for the visually impaired. Words that are in uppercase are read by electronic screen readers as individual letters; whereas words that are sentence case are read as full words. Additionally, all italics and underlined information (except for meaningful hyperlinks) are proposed to be removed as they may make the words difficult to read for individuals that are visually impaired. These formatting revisions are consistent with the requirement to make all documents ADA-compliant per Assembly Bill 434 (Stats. 2017, Ch. 470). Additionally, DPR proposes to make nonsubstantive changes throughout these forms to correct typographical errors, grammar, and punctuation. These nonsubstantive changes include removal of periods in "P.O. Box" and spacing. Furthermore, due to department reorganization, other nonsubstantive changes made to these forms include updates to the form numbers and the DPR Licensing and Certification Program name. DPR's mailing address has also been updated to the correct format and to reflect the best address for DPR to regularly receive mail. These types of changes do not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription

or other regulatory element of any CCR provision. Additional nonsubstantive changes to these forms are described below:

Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License Application DPR-PML-004 (Rev. 10/18)
Page 1

- In the header, replace phone and FAX number with DPR e-mail information as e-mail is DPR's preferred method of communication.
- In Section A, add "(one location per business license)" to clarify that the application is only for one location. The application is for one location and DPR often receives one application for multiple business locations, so this addition will clarify that each business location must submit its own application.
- In Section B, delete the field for FAX number as DPR's Licensing and Certification program does not have a working FAX machine and other methods of communication are provided on the form.
- In Section E, delete "Attach additional sheet if necessary" as the provided field should provide sufficient space for the applicant to input their information. Additionally, delete additional fields for qualified applicator information; there is only one qualified applicator required per business (FAC section 11701.5), so these fields are unnecessary. Also, delete "Application continued on Page 2" as it is not needed.

Page 2

- In Section F, change "may" to "will" to clarify that it is the pest control the business will engage in, and change "Select" to "Check" because it is the more appropriate term as checkboxes are provided.
- In Section I, reword directions to clearly indicate where to find examples and delete "Main" before "Location." This application is for one business location and the current wording may confuse applicants with multiple business locations into thinking only one of their business locations needs a license. The proposed deletion, along with other related proposed changes, will help clarify that each business license is for one location.
- In Section K, delete "Instructions on Pages 3 and 4" as it is not needed.

Page 3

- In Section A, add an explanation that a separate business license is required for each Maintenance Gardner business location. DPR often receives one application for multiple business locations and this will clarify that each business location must submit its own application. Additionally, add "Number" after "Maintenance Garnder Business License" to correspond with the text in Section A on page 1.
- In Section E, delete "Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary" to align with the proposed deletion in Section E on page 1.
- In Section G, relocate instructions from Page 4 of the form. Additionally, DPR-PML-004, along with these instructions, was incorporated by reference into section 6502 in 2003 (OAL File No. 03-1022-02). When DPR-PML-004 was adopted, PR-PML-173 was mentioned in the instructions, but never incorporated by reference, and was not on record. In addition, PR-PML-173 has not been used by DPR or by applicants in over 10 years. Therefore, DPR proposes to remove mention of PR-PML-173 as it is not an applicable example of an optional method to demonstrate financial responsibility. This removal will

align the form instructions with financial responsibility requirements in 3 CCR section 6524.

Page 4

- In Section I, delete "Main" before "Location." This application is for one business location and the current wording may confuse applicants with multiple business locations into thinking only one of their business locations needs a license. The proposed deletion, along with other related proposed changes, will help clarify that each business license is for one location. Additionally, add "Fee" after "Replacement" to clarify that is it a fee. In the chart, delete "Main" before "License." This application is for one business license per location and the current wording may confuse applicants into thinking only one business license is needed. The proposed deletion, along with other related proposed changes, will help clarify that each location needs its own business license. Also, in the chart, update the example years to more current years for clarity. Additionally, relocate mailing instructions to the end of the page.
- In Section K, add "K" to clarify that the instructions are associated with the Section K on Page 2.

Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business Renewal Application DPR-PML-186 (Rev. 04/18) Page 1

- In the header, delete the phone number as e-mail is the most efficient method for contacting DPR.
- Add "A separate renewal application is required for each Maintenance Gardener business location." DPR often receives one renewal application for multiple business locations. Each business location must hold its own business license, so this statement is intended to clarify that separate renewal applications are required.
- In the Qualified Applicator Section, delete "from each location. If you need additional space, attach a separate sheet of paper." There is only one qualified applicator at each location, so a separate attachment and additional lines are unnecessary.
- Delete "Instructions on page 2" as it is not needed.

Page 2

- Delete "from each location," replace "at the location of the space provided" with "of the business stated," and delete "If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet of paper" as the license is only for one location and there is only one qualified applicator per location.
- Replace "3" with "this section" for clarity as there is no section 3 on the form.
- Revise instructions to clarify where and when to find license information once the license has been approved for renewal, and to provide DPR contact information.

Pest Control Dealer License Application DPR-PML-041 (Rev. 10/18)

Page 1

- In the header, replace phone and FAX number with DPR e-mail information as e-mail is DPR's preferred method of communication.
- In Section B, delete the field for FAX number as DPR's Licensing and Certification program does not have a working FAX machine and other methods of communication are provided on the form.

• In Section E, delete "Application Continued on Page 2" as it is not needed.

Page 2

- In Section F, delete the option for "Tributyltin" as a type of pest control. Tributyltin is no longer allowed for use in California, so this option is not needed.
- In Section H, reword directions to clearly indicate where to find examples.
- In Section J, delete "INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGES 3 AND 4" as it is not needed.

Page 3

• Add existing instructions for Sections F and G, which are being relocated from page 4 of the form.

Page 4

• In Section H, add "Fee" after "Replacement" to clarify that is it a fee, update the example years in the chart to more current years for clarity, and relocate the mailing instructions to the end of the page.

Pest Control Dealer License Renewal Application DPR-PML-191 (Rev. 04/18)

Page 1

- In the header, delete the phone number as e-mail is the most efficient method for contacting DPR.
- At the bottom of the page, delete "Instructions on Page 2" as it is not needed.

Page 2

- In the Fees Section, add "dealer" after "pest control" to reflect the correct name of the license.
- At the bottom of the page, revise instructions to clarify where and when to find license information once the license has been approved for renewal, and to provide DPR contact information.

Pesticide Broker License Application DPR-PML-217 (Rev. 10/18)

Page 1

- In the header, replace phone and FAX number with DPR e-mail information as e-mail is DPR's preferred method of communication.
- In Section B, delete the field for FAX number as DPR's Licensing and Certification program does not have a working FAX machine and other methods of communication are provided on the form. Also, replace "telephone" with the more common terminology, "phone."
- In Section E, delete "Application Continued on Page 2" as it is not needed.

Page 2

- In Section F, delete option for "Tributyltin" as a type of pesticide a business will sell. Tributyltin is no longer allowed for use in California, so this option is not needed.
- In Section G, reword directions to clearly indicate where to find examples. Additionally, because DPR is proposing to establish a Pesticide Broker License application fee of \$20, delete "Fee does not apply to new applicants" and add a table with the new fees and fee structure. Also, add "Mailing Instructions" to highlight where the mailing instructions are located and revise the mailing instructions to indicate that a fee is now required.
- In Section I, delete "Instructions on Page 3" as it is not needed.

Page 3

- In Section A, delete the "NOTE" as a similar explanation of the renewal cycle is being added to Section G.
- In Section G, add explanation of how the license renewal cycle and fee payments are structured this aligns with the existing "NOTE" in Section A as well as 3 CCR section 6500 and instructions on other existing DPR application forms. Additionally, add a chart with examples of the newly established fee and combine Name / Address Change and Duplicate / Replacement Fee as the fee for each request is the same.

Pesticide Broker License Renewal Application DPR-PML-190 (Rev. 04/18)

Page 1

- In the header, delete phone number as e-mail is the most efficient method for contacting DPR.
- Add a Fees Section as a result of DPR's proposal to establish a fee for Pesticide Broker License renewals. The instructions in this section explain how to make a payment and where to send the payment these instructions align with other existing DPR license renewal forms.
- Delete "Instructions on Page 2" as it is not needed.

Page 2

- In the Fees Section, add instructions to correspond with the proposed Fees Section on page 1. These instructions clarify when a late fee may be applicable (3 CCR section 6502(b)) and also provide a chart with examples of the renewal fees and late penalty fees.
- At the bottom of the page, revise instructions to clarify where and when to find license information once the license has been approved for renewal, and to provide DPR contact information.

Lastly, in Section D on page 2 of both the Qualified Applicator License Application, LIC-001 (Rev. 07/23) and the Qualified Applicator Certificate Application, LIC-001A (Rev. 07/23), DPR proposes to amend the instructions by replacing the URL,

<www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/app_packets/qal.pdf>, with "Go to DPR's Web site to find." This change is for ADA compliance, providing more meaningful information to those who are visually impaired.

DPR finds that the immediate adoption of these proposed amendments is necessary to allow for the timely collection of fees to conform to the amounts appropriated by the annual Budget Act to support the licensing and certification program activities. Without the fee revenues in the amount appropriated, much of DPR's Licensing and Certification Program would be in danger of being shut down. Continued administration of the Licensing and Certification Program is essential to the economy, and environmental and public health of the State of California.

AUTHORITY

This regulatory action is taken pursuant to FAC sections 11456 and 11502.5.

REFERENCE

This regulatory action implements, interprets, or makes specific FAC sections 11502.5, 11701, 11701.5, 11702, 11703, 11704, 11706, 11707, 11901, 11902, 11903, 11904, 12021, 12051, 12101, 12103, 12104, 12105, 12201, 12202, 12251, 12252, 12401, 12404, and 14152.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

DPR has determined that the proposed regulatory action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts because the regulatory action does not constitute a new program at a higher level of service that an existing program. No state reimbursement is required by part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

OTHER NONDISCRETIONARY COSTS OR SAVINGS IMPOSED UPON LOCAL AGENCIES

DPR has determined that there are no other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed upon local agencies that are expected to result from the proposed regulatory action.

COST OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES

DPR has determined that the proposed regulatory action will not result in savings to any state agency. However, the proposed regulatory action may result in increased costs to state agencies that employ qualified applicators and pest control advisers. Though there may be an increased cost to state agencies, given the size of state agencies, DPR anticipates that any increased cost would likely be marginal or negligible.

EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO THE STATE

DPR has determined that no effect on federal funding to the State will result from this regulatory action.