Department of Pesticide Regulation

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TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: PESTICIDE REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEE INCREASE

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) held a Registration Fee Webinar on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, to share information, answer questions, and receive feedback from registrants and other stakeholders on a proposal to increase registration fees to a level that supports the current and future business functions of the pesticide registration program. Details on the proposal were included in <u>California Notice 2024-09</u> <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/canot/2024/ca2024-09.pdf>. DPR accepted written comments from April 23 until May 17, 2024.

The Governor's Proposed 2024-25 Budget, released in January 2024, included 31.2 positions to support the department's pesticide registration program and goals to expand the availability of safer pest management alternatives. This proposal built on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget's addition of six positions to address the most critical needs of DPR's registration program. In June 2024, the Governor signed the 2024-25 State Budget. On June 29, 2024, the Governor signed the final 2024/24 State Budget. This included the Governor's proposed budget for DPR contingent upon the passage of AB 2113, which was signed on July 2, 2024. The proposed increased registration fees discussed in the department's April webinar are necessary to meet current baseline funding needs and the new positions approved as part of the FY 2024-2025 budget.

DPR thanks its stakeholders for submitting comments on the proposal presented during the April webinar to increase fees for the pesticide registration program. During the April webinar, DPR committed to sharing registration fee amounts once the budget was finalized. DPR shares those fee amounts here and will provide a complete response to comments as a part of the emergency rulemaking notice the department anticipates releasing in late August. After careful evaluation of all comments received, DPR will separate the notification and amendment fee amounts by proposing a lower fee for notifications (\$100). The amendment fee will remain \$300 as discussed in the April 2024 webinar. DPR will move forward with an emergency rulemaking package to revise the fees in regulation as shown in **Table 1**. The regulation changes for pesticide registration fees are necessary to cover the cost of the entire registration program. As shown below, the fee for each application to make changes to a registered product through the amendment process will increase from \$25 to \$300. The fee for each application to make changes to \$100. The fee for each pesticide product through the notification process will increase from \$25 to \$100. The fee for each pesticide product through the notification process will increase from \$25 to \$2,300.

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Category	Current Fees	Proposed Revised Fees
New Product Application Fee	\$1,150	\$1,500
Amendment Fee	\$25	\$300
Notification Fee	\$25	\$100
Annual Renewal Fee	\$1,525	\$2,300

 Table 1. Current Registration Fees and Proposed Revised Fees Proposed

DPR intends to change the registration fees by filing an emergency rulemaking package in late August with a proposed effective date of no later than October 1, 2024. Additional California Notices to Stakeholders will be released to notice the emergency regulations and effective date.

If you have questions regarding the information in this notice, please send your email to <<u>Regfees@cdpr.ca.gov</u>>.

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