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Joint Oversight Hearing
Putting Public Protection First: Is California's Pesticide Program Achieving its Purpose?
Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee
Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

1:30 PM

1021 O Street, Room 1100

Agenda

- 1) **Opening Remarks**
 - Assemblymember Damon Connolly, Chair, Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee
 - Senator Catherine Blakespear, Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
- 2) **Panel 1: Pesticides, human health, and California's pesticide program**
 - Ana María Mora, Associate Researcher, Center for Environmental Research and Community Health, University of California, Berkeley
 - Timothy Malloy, Professor of Law Emeritus, University of California, Los Angeles
- 3) **Panel 2: Perspectives on California's pesticide program from frontline communities and environmental justice**
 - Angel Garcia, Co-Director, Californians for Pesticide Reform
 - Anne Katten, Director of the Pesticide and Work, Health, and Safety Project, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
 - Bianca Lopez, Co-Founder and Project Director, Valley Improvement Projects
- 4) **Panel 3: Perspectives on California's pesticide program from regulated entities**
 - Christopher Finarelli, Vice President, State Government Relations & Public Policy, Household & Commercial Products Association
 - Taylor Triffo, Kahn, Sores & Conway, LLP on behalf of agricultural associations, pest professionals, and product providers
 - Hanna Kahl, Ecological Pest Management Senior Manager, Community Alliance with Family Farmers
- 5) **Panel 4: Perspectives from California's local enforcers: County Agricultural Commissioners**
 - Chris de Nijs, President, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association and County Agricultural Commissioner, Nevada County
- 6) **Panel 5: The Department of Pesticide Regulation**
 - Karen Morrison, Director, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- 7) **Public Comment**