

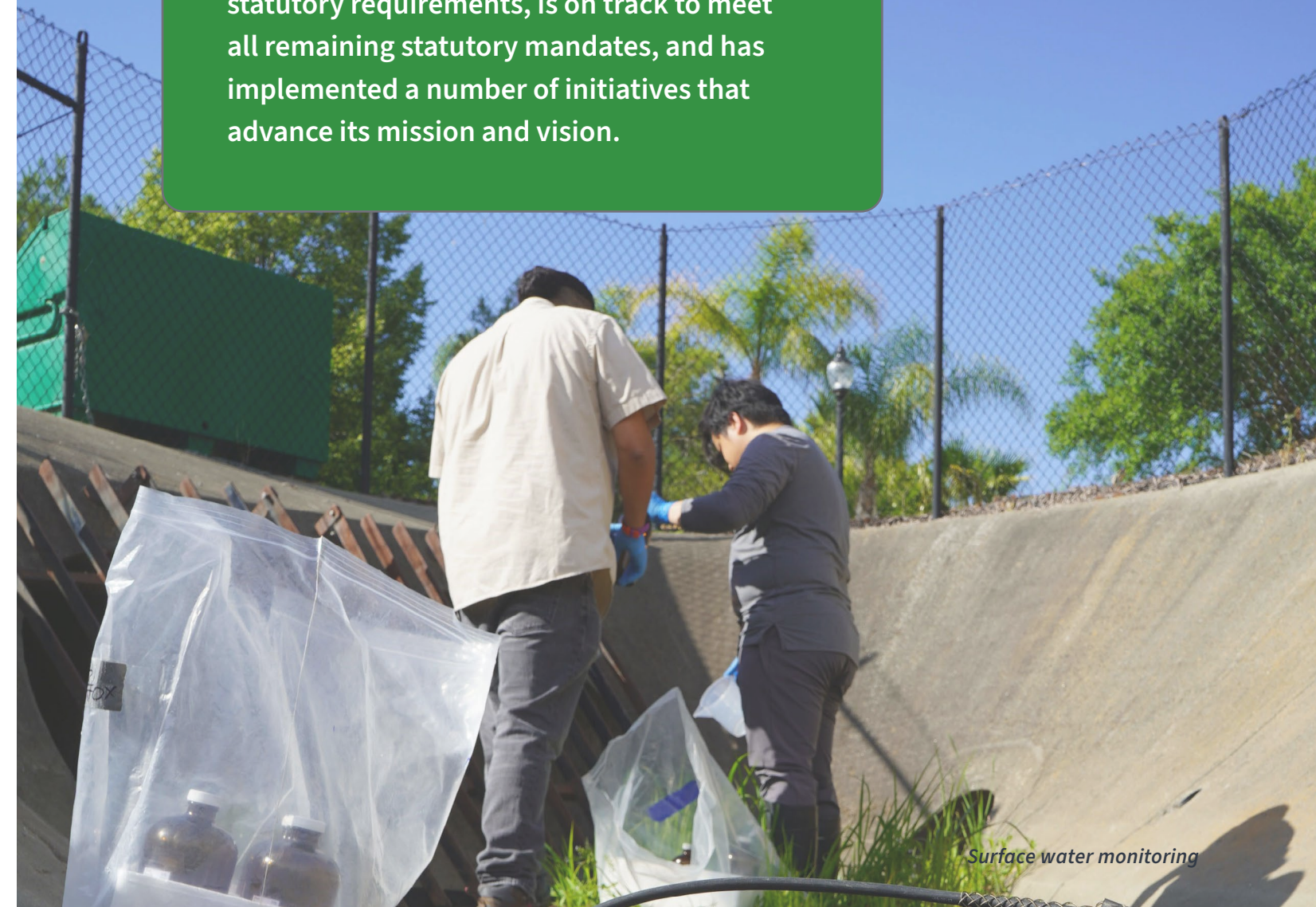
DPR Highlights

2024-2026



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Since the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) received additional resources through the state budget and enactment of Assembly Bill 2113 (Chapter 60, Statutes of 2024), the department has met all its statutory requirements, is on track to meet all remaining statutory mandates, and has implemented a number of initiatives that advance its mission and vision.



Background: AB 2113, signed into law in July 2024, outlined new statutory responsibilities supported by additional funding and 120 new permanent positions DPR received through the 2024-25 State Budget. AB 2113 and accompanying budgetary allocations have provided DPR the resources to strengthen its core programmatic work and implement new initiatives as required in AB 2113, goals outlined in the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, and recommendations from the Sustainable Pest Management (SPM) Roadmap.



Increase Access to Safe, Effective, Sustainable Pest Management

DPR’s improvement and streamlining of its pesticide registration processes, including elimination of backlogs in its scientific evaluation programs, and expanded grant funding for research and outreach into alternatives, increases equitable access to and adoption of safer, effective, sustainable pest management.

Filled almost 100% of the positions received in the first year and 85% of the positions received in the second year. The hiring process is ongoing for the final and third year positions.

Cleared queues in the evaluation program by as much as 40% over 2023, completing more registration reviews each year than received.

Launched the final phase of California Pesticide Electronic Submission Tracking (CalPEST) system, to streamline digital registrations and improve public access.

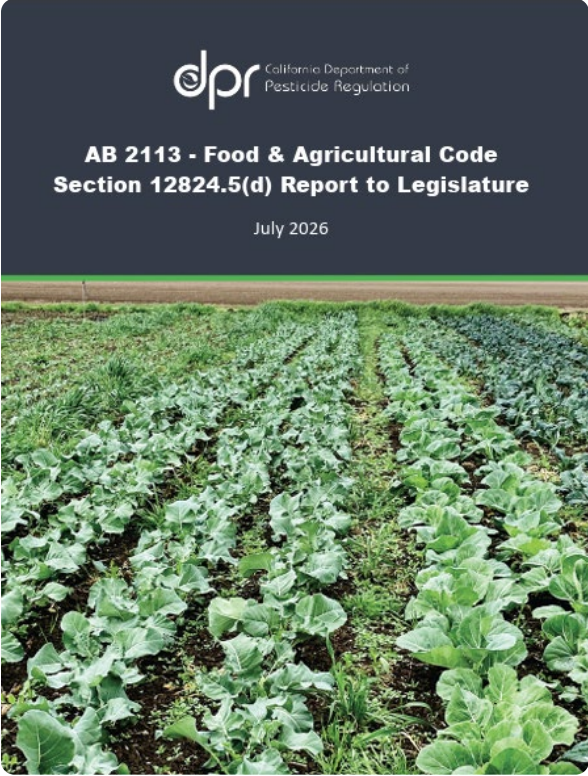
Established the Sustainable Pest Management (SPM) Advisory Committee to guide the implementation of statewide SPM efforts.

Established the Scientific Prioritization and Review Committee (SPARC) to support science-based mitigation priorities.

Engage 25–30 state agencies twice a year through the Cross Agency Working Group on SPM to share best practices and strengthen coordination.

Initiated at least one pesticide reevaluation each year as required by AB 2113; most recently initiated the reevaluation of total release foggers.

Released the Reevaluation Report, as required by AB 2113, identifying actions to improve the efficiency of internal reevaluation processes.



Cover of AB 2113 - Food and Agricultural Code Section 12824.5(d) report

Increased Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and SPM technical assistance resources by 19% between 2024-2025 by creating 25 bulletins, 8 grant program presentations, and 57 trainings and workshops on topics such as Healthy Schools.

Established formal partnerships with researchers and practitioners to expand SPM technical support by utilizing pilot funding for universities to create and implement SPM outreach, training materials, and other resources.

Released the Continuous Evaluation and Mitigation online table with biannual updates on reevaluations, risk assessments, and mitigation progress, as required by AB 2113. Currently, DPR is addressing risks for 19 pesticide active ingredients or classes.

Invested over \$3.6 million in 2024 and \$5 million in 2025 through increased grants that test, research, and demonstrate new SPM tools and practices. DPR has invested over \$33 million in 120 projects across 20 years.



Canine detection of invasive vine mealybugs and leafroll virus in California vineyards



Earth Day event 2026 - DPR booth

Track, Evaluate, and Enforce Safe Pesticide Use

DPR’s pesticide regulatory system, carried out in coordination with state agencies, county agricultural commissioners (CACs) and federal partners, protects people and the environment across the state.

In 2025, DPR conducted:

- 155 marketplace surveillance inspections
- 50 producer establishment inspections
- 433 oversight inspections of CAC programs

In 2025, DPR hosted or cohosted over 40 and attended over 150 outreach events, conferences, and trainings, engaging organizations on topics including pest control adviser issues, personal protective equipment, emergency use exemptions, structural pest inspections, handler safety, and elements of violation training.

Developed new tools and updated existing resources to support oversight of pesticide sales, online commerce, and compliance with worker safety requirements.

Proposed enforcement response regulations to guide enforcement responses, with a continued focus on addressing repeat violations and supporting equitable protection for all Californians.

In 2025, DPR completed 68 pesticide mill audits and formalized guidance for annually selecting companies to audit.



Tribal Summit - DPR booth



SPM workshop in Richmond

In 2025 through Q1 2026, DPR funded six pesticide takeback disposal events across multiple counties resulting in over 200,000 pounds collected. Takeback events help growers, farmers, and agricultural businesses safely dispose of banned, unregistered, or outdated pesticides.

Initiated the development of an electronic payment and online submittal of licensing applications to deliver a modern, efficient licensing system that supports the professional community and enhances statewide regulatory services.

Made available \$500,000 in annual funding for ecosystem monitoring research on how pesticides affect wildlife and natural environments.

2026
EARLY RENEWAL
REMINDER

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The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will mail out renewal packets in July to license and certificate holders with surnames or business names beginning with the letters A-L.

Early Renewal Benefits

Avoid Renewal Delays
Submitting earlier allows additional time to address application problems that could delay renewal of your license or certificate.

Submit by October
Mail your application before the end of October so that your license or certificate can be renewed before it expires. You can register with the county as soon as your license or certificate is renewed.

Renew QP and PCB Early
The qualified person (QP) must be renewed before the pest control business (PCB) license can be renewed. Submitting both renewals together can reduce processing times and prevent application problems.

Applications and Questions

Scan the QR code or visit DPR's website where you can download license and certificate renewal applications.

If you have renewal questions, email LicenseMail@cdpr.ca.gov and include your full name (First, MI, Last) and license number(s).

Renewal Processing Timeline:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Application is mailed Ensure a USPS postmark on or before 12/31 to avoid paying late fees.	DPR processes payment During peak renewal season, it may take longer for a payment transaction to post.	Licensing reviews application Applications are reviewed in the order received. Renewals mailed closer to the end of the year can take longer.	Renewal process complete The Valid License List updates every 24 hours. Check it to confirm your renewal. Once renewed, your card will be mailed to the address on file.

2026 early renewal reminder poster



DPR fieldwork at marinas in Santa Barbara



Foster Engagement, Collaboration, and Transparency

DPR has broadened and strengthened communication, increased visibility into data and information DPR collects and worked with impacted parties to meet the diverse needs of Californians.

Strengthened relationships with over 10 school districts that are using reduced-risk, SPM practices, and are collaborating with university partners to provide SPM consultation and resources to over 20 additional school districts.

Established transparent, local monitoring projects to track pesticides in water and air, designed in partnership with community representatives, such as promoting and offering free domestic well testing kits and a proposal to double the statewide Air Monitoring Network.

Funded county-efforts that increase engagement between counties and communities on pesticide safety and alternative pest management.

Launched SprayDays California providing communities with advance notification of certain pesticide applications and continues to engage with interested parties to refine and improve the system.

Published annual reports on restricted material permit appeals, as required by AB 2113, received by the department, publicly disclosing that DPR did not receive any actionable permit appeals in the previous year.



DPR’s air monitor



SprayDays at Fresno Grizzlies game

Established the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, which will provide prioritized recommendations to DPR on ways to integrate environmental justice considerations into department programs and decision making.

Permanently funded a 24/7 interpretation and translation services covering more than 100 languages for CAC offices, expanding access to pesticide use enforcement and information for farmworkers and communities across California.

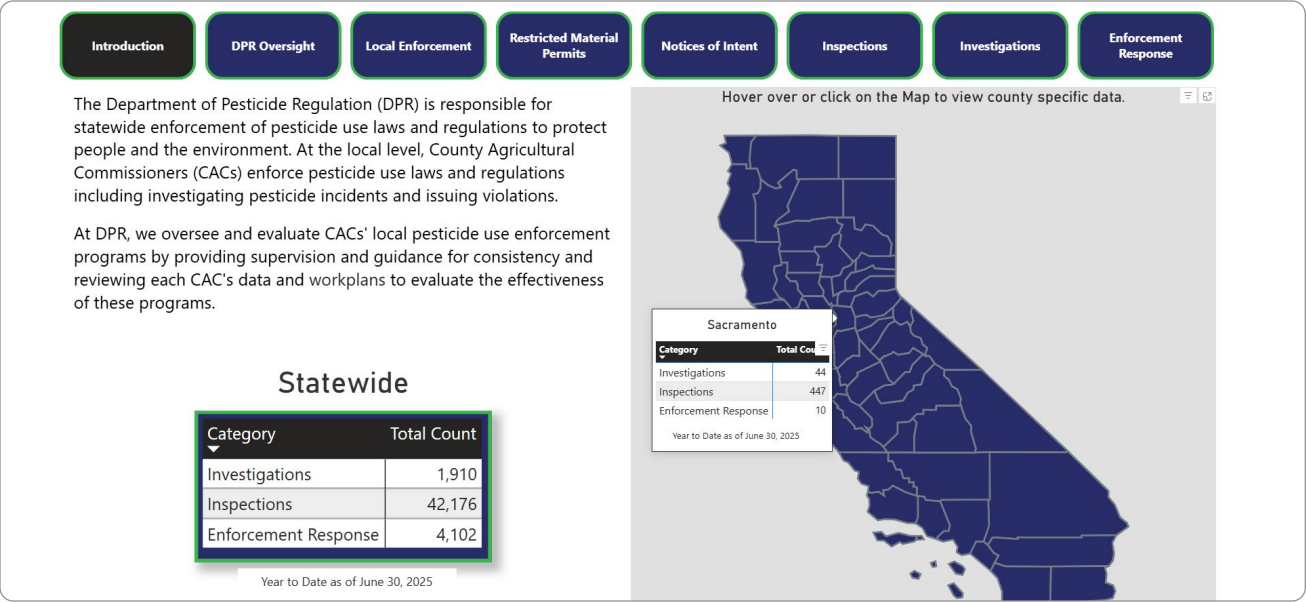


EJAC members, Salinas City Hall

Developed a statewide language map using census data to identify where Hmong, Punjabi, and Mexican Indigenous language communities are most concentrated to better understand linguistic needs.

Created new data visualization tools, including the Pesticide Use Reporting dataset, Enforcement Data Dashboard, Surface Water Monitoring StoryMap, and Air Monitoring Results Database and dashboard, that make pesticide information easier to access for all Californians.

Provided annual notice on potential or anticipated increases to registration or licensing fees that calendar year. Since the initial implementation of AB 2113, DPR has not raised these fees.



Enforcement Data Dashboard