

Sierra Club goals for pest management policy are to maintain healthy and diverse ecosystems, use of sustainable methods, and public health protection.

The guiding principles for Sierra Club policy are:

1. Pest management should be based on ecological principles and sound biological information.
2. Use of toxic or biologically active substances or genetically altered organisms should be tightly regulated to prevent harm to people and ecosystems.
3. The public should be informed of the health hazards and economic costs that chemical and biological pest control methods pose.
4. Air, water, and food supply should be free of harmful pesticide residues.
5. Corporations producing and marketing pesticides have an ethical responsibility to guard the health and safety of people and ecosystems.

National Sierra Club Pest Management Policy:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/policy/agriculture/pest-management>

provides more specifications.

In addition, our California Agriculture Committee specific work plan includes:

- Advocacy against use of toxic inputs including artificial nitrogen fertilizer by Healthy Soils Program grant recipients that disrupt soil foodweb functioning and carbon sequestration that should not be funded by cap and trade revenues.
- Advocacy for farmworker protection and environmental and food justice through promotion of the Precautionary Principle, a strong Pesticide Notification program, and biological-input based pest management as opposed to chemical input farming systems.