

## Help Stop California's Plan for Unlimited Future Pesticide Spraying

The California Department of Food & Agriculture's draft program environmental impact report (Pest PEIR) for statewide pest treatments ***authorizes the state to spray pesticides anywhere, any time, for any pest, into the indefinite future.*** If the this plan is approved, ***there will be nothing that we can do to stop state pesticide spraying in our communities.***

- **Threat to human & environmental health, including honeybees.** The Pest PEIR would eliminate less-toxic, non-pesticide, and organic options for future state pest management. It allows spraying at schools and fails to adequately analyze pesticide impacts on children and other sensitive individuals such as the chronically ill. Its 79 pre-approved pesticides are linked to human health problems including cancer, birth defects, reproductive system damage, as well as ecological impacts including extreme toxicity to bees, other pollinators, fish, other aquatic life, birds, and mammals.
- **Threat to organic farming.** Organic farms could be forced to spray non-organic PEIR pesticides. The PEIR disregards the economic and environmental impacts of forced spraying on organic farms, stating that organic farmers will not be harmed because they can simply sell sprayed crops as conventional produce.
- **Expansion of spraying with no public notice or input.** The PEIR allows CDFA to add new chemicals, new treatment locations, and new target pests behind closed doors with no way for us to know about or challenge these decisions.

Approval of the Pest PEIR would set a precedent for sweeping, unchecked power by state agencies in matters involving human and environmental health.

*Find out how to stop the Pest PEIR:*

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