

## 2025 WPH Regulatory Conference

### SESSION I. REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Magnolia Ballroom - Registration Desk**

### SESSION II. WELCOME AND DPR KEYNOTE ADDRESS

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**  
Renee Pinel, President/CEO, WPH

8:40 – 9:15 a.m. **DPR, Priorities for the Future**  
Dr. Karen Morrison, Director, DPR

### SESSION III. DPR PESTICIDE PROGRAM DIVISION BRANCH UPDATES

*Moderator – Dr. Emily Saad, Exponent*

9:15 – 9:40 a.m. **Pesticide Registration Branch Overview**  
Dr. Tulio Macedo, Chief, Pesticide Registration Branch, DPR

9:40 – 10:05 a.m. **Pesticide Evaluation Branch Overview**  
Dr. Jill Townzen, Chief, Pesticide Evaluation Branch, DPR

10:05 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. **CalPEST – What to Expect Implementation 2**  
Shelley Lopez, Environmental Program Manager, DPR  
Laura Benn, Research Data Specialist, DPR  
Melinda Bowman, FMC (Industry Evaluation)

11:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Industry Perspective/Panel - Questions and Answers**  
Moderator Emily Saad, Chair WPH Reg Affairs Committee, Exponent

### SESSION IV. LUNCH & CALIFORNIA KEYNOTE ADDRESS

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **The State of Agriculture in California**  
Dr. Glenda Humiston, Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources  
University of California Office of the President

### SESSION V. EMERGING REGULATIONS

*Moderator: Vicki Ghaffarzadeh, Valent USA LLC*

1:40 – 2:00 p.m. **Statewide Pesticide Notification System – Spray Days**  
Juvenio Guerra, Cal Outreach Lead, Outreach/Public Engagement Office, DPR

2:00 – 2:20 p.m. **Water and Air Quality Update**  
Madison Le, Deputy Director of Mitigation and Monitoring, DPR

2:20 – 2:40 p.m. **PFAS Comprehensive Analysis and Regulatory Trends**  
Shalene Thomas, R.E.P, Sr. Emerging Contaminants Program Manager, Battelle

2:40 – 3:00 p.m. **Industry Perspective/Panel - Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Vicki Ghaffarzadeh, Valent USA LLC

3:00 – 3:20 p.m. **Break**

### SESSION VI. CROP PROTECTION IN CALIFORNIA TOMORROW

*Moderator: Dr. Karen Ferreira da Silva, Corteva*

3:20 – 3:40 p.m. **County Agriculture Commissioner – Enforcement**  
Melissa Cregan, Ag Commissioner Fresno County, President of CACASA

3:40 – 4:10 p.m. **Specialty Crops – A Focus on Farming Regulations in California**  
Jennifer Clarke, Director, CA Leafy Greens Research Board

4:10 – 4:30 p.m. **Ever-Changing Policies: Products and Technologies Related to Crop Protection**  
Terry Kippley, President, The Council of Producers and Distributors of Agrotechnology (CPDA)

- 4:30 – 4:50 p.m. **Emerging Technologies in Today's Agriculture**  
Sarah Hovinga, Regulatory Policy Analyst, Digital Farming, Bayer US – Crop Science
- 4:50 – 5:00 p.m. **Industry Perspective/Panel - Questions and Answers**  
Dr. Karen Ferreira da Silva, Corteva

## **SESSION VII. RECEPTION**

- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Magnolia Terrace Hosted Reception –**  
Speakers, Attendees, & Invited Guests

## **Agenda – Day Two**

## **SESSION VIII. REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Magnolia Ballroom - Registration Desk**

## **SESSION IX. WELCOME AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

- 8:30 – 8:35 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**  
Eric Stein, Director of Regulatory Affairs, WPH  
Dr. Karen Ferreira da Silva, Chair of WPH 2025 Reg Conference, Corteva
- 8:35 – 9:00 a.m. **Science-Based Solutions for Sustainable Pest Management with New Technologies**  
Peter C. Ellsworth, Ph.D. Full Specialist / Professor, IPM Coordinator & Director, Arizona Pest Management Center, University of Arizona

## **SESSION X. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*Moderator – Melinda Bowman, FMC*

- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Pesticide Prioritization Process**  
Dr. Jennifer “JT” Teerlink, Deputy Director, Pesticide Programs Division, Registration, Evaluation and Human Health Assessment, DPR
- 9:15 – 9:35 a.m. **Sustainable Pest Management: A Road Map for California**  
Dr. Sapna Thottathil, Deputy Director and Special Advisor, SPM, DPR
- 9:35 – 9:55 a.m. **Environmental Justice Advisory Committee**  
Celia Pazos, Deputy Director, Environmental Justice & Equality Office, DPR
- 9:55 – 10:05 a.m. **Industry Perspective/Panel - Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Melinda Bowman, FMC
- 10:05 – 10:20 a.m. **Break**

## **SESSION XI. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

*Moderator - Jennifer M. Stafford, Principal Consultant, Compliance Services International*

- 10:20 – 11:50 a.m. **CDFA Update - Major Programs/Priorities**  
Christine Birdsong, Undersecretary CDFA
- Comprehensive Pest Prevention Program Analysis “High Risk Pathways Analysis”**  
Claudia Vazquez, Environmental Program Manager - CDFA
- Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability (OARS)**  
Kevi Mace, Sr. Environmental Scientist, Supervisor, Office of Pesticide Consultation and Analysis / OARS - CDFA
- Climate and Working Land / Regenerative Ag**  
Virginia Jameson, Deputy Secretary - CDFA
- 11:50 – 12:00 p.m. **Industry Perspective/Panel - Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Jennifer M. Stafford, Compliance Services International