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**2026 WPH Regulatory Conference – 1<sup>st</sup> Draft**

**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 – Melinda Bowman, FMC*

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Valuable Insights – A Conversation with DPR**  
**Registration Branch**  
Dr. Tulio Macedo, Chief, Pesticide Registration Branch, DPR  
**Pesticide Evaluation Branch**  
Dr. Jill Townzen, Chief, Pesticide Evaluation Branch, DPR

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. **Registration Process – Enhancing Applications**  
Aron Lindgren, Senior Environmental Scientist, DPR

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

**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. REGULATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*Moderator: Vicki Ghaffarzadeh, Valent USA LLC*

1:40 – 2:00 p.m. **Pesticide Prioritization Process –**  
Dr. Jennifer “JT” Teerlink, Deputy Director, Pesticide Programs Division,  
Registration, Evaluation and Human Health Assessment, 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. **Sustainable Pest Management: A Road Map for California**  
Dr. Sapna Thottathil, Deputy Director and Special Advisor, Sustainable  
Pest Management, DPR

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. EMERGING CHALLENGES IN CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE**

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

3:20 – 3:40 p.m.      **County Agriculture Commissioner – Enforcement**  
Chris de Nijs, Nevada County, President of CACASA

3:40 – 4:10 p.m.      **Bulletin Live Two (EPA) Enforcement Endangered Species Act**  
Polo Moreno, Sr. Enviro Scientist, Integrated Pest Mgt. Branch, DPR

4:10 – 4:30 p.m.      **Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases Strategic Initiative**  
Jim Farra, Director, Statewide IPM Program, University of California  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

4:30 – 4:50 p.m.      **Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services Division**  
Michelle Dennis, Branch Chief, Integrated Pest Control, CDFA

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 2026 Reg Conference Corteva

8:35 – 9:00 a.m.      **DPR Regulations and 2026 Projects**  
Leia Bailey, Chief Deputy Director, DPR (Invited)

## **SESSION X. Active Ingredient - AI Teams (Tree Teams)**

*Moderator – Emily Saad, Exponent*

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.      **Informational Session on AI Teams**  
Brittanie Clendenin, Senior Environmental Scientist, DPR  
Richard Spas, Senior Environmental Scientist, DPR  
Jolynn Mahmoudi-Haeri, Senior Environmental Scientist, DPR  
Russell Darling, Senior Environmental Scientist, DPR  
Alyssa Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist, DPR

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.      **BREAK**

10:30 – 12:30 a.m.      **AI Team Clinic with Registrants**  
WPH Members and DPR Staff