

# Yolo County Department of Agriculture

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# Outline

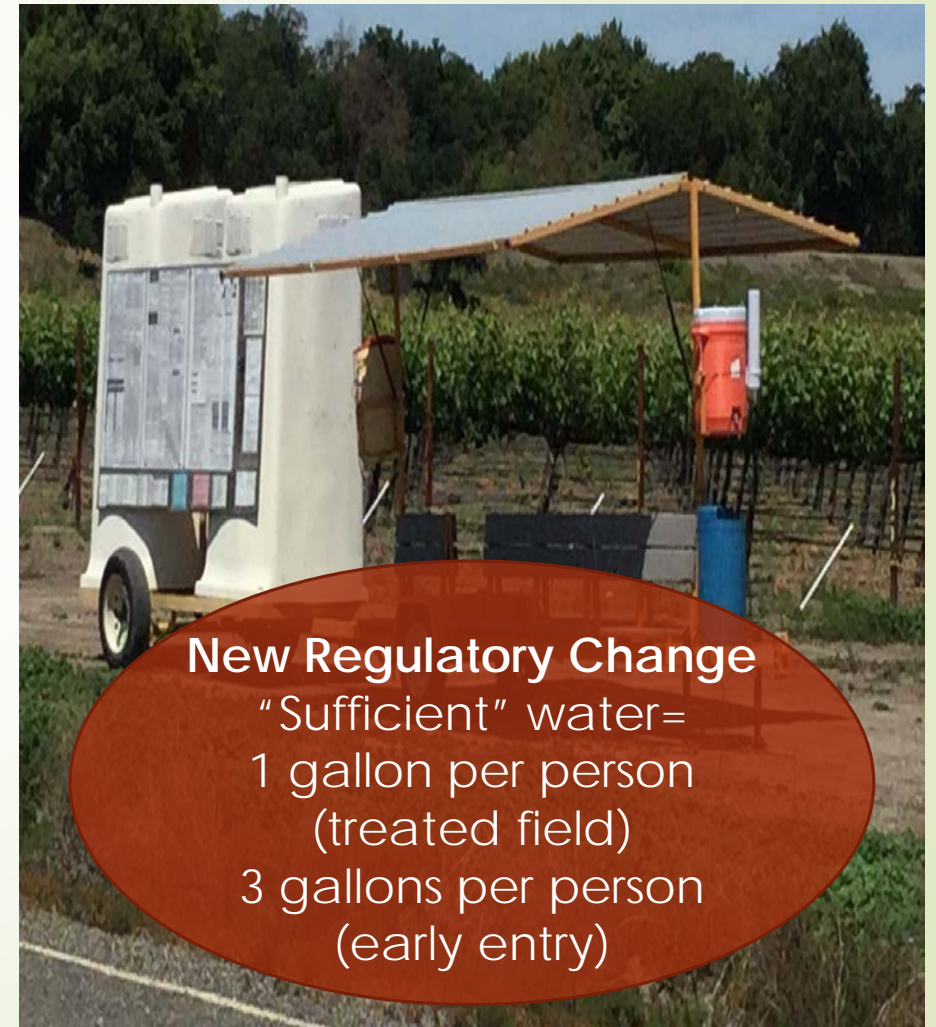
- ▶ Changes to Worker Protection Standards
  - ▶ Fieldworker training
  - ▶ Fieldworker decontamination facilities
  - ▶ Handler decontamination facilities
  - ▶ Field posting requirements
- ▶ Response to Violations
  - ▶ Civil penalties
  - ▶ Actions against licensed employees





# Fieldworker Decontamination Facilities

- ▶ The decontamination facilities shall not be more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the fieldworkers.
  - ▶ "Sufficient" water
  - ▶ Soap
  - ▶ Single use towels
- ▶ Decontamination facility shall not be in an area under a restricted entry interval



# Handler Decontamination Facilities

- ▶ Employer shall ensure:
  - ▶ Water
  - ▶ Soap-no sanitizers
  - ▶ Single use towels
  - ▶ Coveralls
- ▶ Located at mix/load site
- ▶ Not more than ¼ mile from other handlers



New Regulatory Change

- ▶ Field applications: "Sufficient" water is at least 3 gallons per handler at the beginning of each handlers work day
- ▶ At the mix/load site: "Sufficient" water means at least 6 gallons of water suitable for 15 minutes of emergency eye flushing

# Field Posting Requirements



## ➤ Signage basics:

- Skull & crossbones
- "Danger"
- "Pesticides"
- "Keep out"

- Signs shall be posted before the application begins and within 24 hours of application
- Visible at all usual points of entry, and ~600 feet
- Remain posted and legible throughout the application and restricted entry interval (REI)
- Removed within 3 days after the end of the REI

# Field Posting Requirements Cont'd

New Regulatory  
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- ▶ If the REI is greater than 7 days signage must include:
  - ▶ Date of unrestricted entry
  - ▶ Name of property operator
  - ▶ Field identification #
- ▶ Posting is required when there is any application that results in a restricted entry interval of **greater than 48 hours**



# Response to Violations



- ▶ Compliance actions:

- ▶ Violation notices
- ▶ Warning letter
- ▶ “Noncompliance” on inspection forms
- ▶ Compliance interviews and follow-up(documented)

- ▶ Enforcement actions:

- ▶ Commissioner initiated by notice of proposed actions (NOPA) and may include administrative civil penalties and/or disciplinary action (suspend & revoke)
- ▶ Administrative civil penalty is based on violation class





# Civil Penalty Actions by Commissioners

- ▶ Class C: Violations related to pesticide use reports  
\$50-\$400
- ▶ Class B: Violations that could potentially become a hazard to health, property, or environmental  
\$250-\$1,000
- ▶ Class A: Violations that caused health, property, or environmental hazard  
\$700-\$5,000



# Actions Allowed Against Licensed or Certificated Employees

- ▶ For failure to use PPE, an enforcement action can be taken upon an employee if:
  - ▶ Employee is licensed (PAC; QAC; QAL)
  - ▶ Employer has trained the employee, and training is documented
  - ▶ PPE was available at work site and provided by employer
  - ▶ Employer has a workplace disciplinary action policy in place and it has been acknowledged by employee (documented)



# Information Resources

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