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## Notification to Beekeepers

For more than 30 years, each person intending to apply a pesticide that is toxic to bees to a blossoming plant have been required to check with the agricultural commissioner whether there are any registered apiary locations within one mile of the intended application site.

To facilitate this process, CAPCA has been working alongside the County Ag Commissioners to create better communication in the field between PCAs, Applicators/Growers, and Beekeepers while pollinators and blooming plants are present. The program BeeWhere was developed and has resulted in updated access through technology to comply with the current regulations.

**BeeWhere is a real time communication tool used in the State of California to foster better communication between Growers, Beekeepers and Pesticide Applicators during bloom. BeeWhere is based on the current California laws outlined below to steward our pollinators as they are in the field through compliance during any blooming crop or weed activity.**

PCAs have access to check the total number of registered hives within a mile of a permit while writing a pesticide recommendation. *PCAs can use general hive information on a **voluntary basis** in decision making for Active Ingredient on Recommendation or additional Applicator notes regarding best management practices for application during bloom while bees may be present.* PCAs will not receive Beekeeper contact information, notification preferences or actual hive location as part of this voluntary check. PCAs can do a check through CalAg Permits at <https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/>.

**Applicators/Growers** have a new option with online bee checks in CalAg Permits <https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/> Applicators/Growers intending to apply *any* pesticide labeled toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner (BeeWhere), whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.

By law, applicators must use BeeCheck information to notify beekeeper(s), *at least* 48 hours in advance of the application, of:

- The time and place the application is to be made,
- The crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the pesticide and dosage rate of the pesticide to be applied
- Contact information in case beekeeper needs to communicate prior to application.

**§ 6654. Notification to Beekeepers.**

(a) Each person intending to apply any pesticide toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner, whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.

(b) **If the person performing pest control is advised of a request for notification, he or she shall notify the beekeeper, at least 48 hours in advance of the application, of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the pesticide to be applied and how the person performing pest control may be contacted by the beekeeper.** This time may be increased or decreased by the commissioner, or by an agreement of both the beekeeper and the person performing the pest control work.

(c) This section shall apply statewide. However, from March 15 through May 15 in a citrus/bee protection area, if there are conflicts between the provisions of this section and those of section 6656, section 6656 shall prevail.

Note: Authority cited: Section 29102, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 29102, Food and Agricultural Code

Attached you will find a visual guide for Growers, Pesticide Applicators, and PCAs to create an account. If you have any questions, please contact your local agricultural commissioner district office.

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