

DPR’s Cannabis Program – Where We Are and Where We Are Going. Rachel Kubiak. California Department of Pesticide Regulation. (Rachel.Kubiak@cdpr.ca.gov)

California began regulating medicinal cannabis following the passage of Prop 215 in 1996. Following the passage of Prop 64, California became one of a handful of states legalizing both medicinal and adult use cannabis. Three main agencies regulate cannabis cultivation, manufacture, distribution, transportation, sale, and use: the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Bureau of Cannabis Control (Bureau), the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Food and Agriculture. While the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is not drafting cannabis specific regulations, all current laws and regulations under its authority must be followed. DPR has provided residue guidance to the Bureau and will continue to update that guidance as more information becomes available. DPR communicates regularly with county agricultural commissioners to discuss policy guidance and has drafted some initial pesticide guidance for both commissioners and cannabis cultivators. Pesticide regulation regarding cannabis cultivation is a complex issue and will continue to evolve over time.