

## Mill Fee Study Contract

### Scope of Work/Work to be Performed:

The primary objective of this project is to conduct a study on DPR's mill assessment as its core source of funding. The study would examine:

- Current and future funding needs for DPR while also considering the County Agricultural Commissioners (CAC) funding associated with mill-related responsibilities.
- The existing structure and rate of the mill assessment.
- Current and future revenues produced by that structure and rate.
- Detailed options that incentivize the use of safer sustainable pest management practices across the state of California.
- Options that include tiering the mill assessment to incentivize the use of safer pest management tools, as well as evaluating strategies (such as tiering by signal word) for linking how revenues are collected to the broader mission objectives of DPR.
- Long-term sustainable funding that allows DPR to continue to fulfill its mission.

During the study process, DPR staff will be supporting the contractor with collecting data as deemed necessary to reach the contract objectives. As part of the study, the contractor will be required to engage and consult with DPR stakeholders throughout various stages of the process. This will include facilitation and presentations on proposed recommendations to obtain feedback from stakeholders on options for incentivizing the use of safer sustainable pest management practices across the state of California and providing for long-term sustainable funding at DPR. Finally, the vendor will issue a report outlining proposed options with strengths and weaknesses of recommended options for the structure of DPR's mill assessment and will provide DPR a detailed plan including mechanisms to implement the options recommended as a result of the study.