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Roundtable Facilitator's Introduction

Introduction

Mr. Gerald (Jerry) Benincasa, former Tuolumne County Agricultural Commissioner and a hearing officer under contract with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), facilitated the Hearing Officer and Investigative Roundtable discussions with county agricultural commissioner and DPR staff.

Mr. Benincasa's knowledge and expertise in the area of administrative civil penalty hearings, authorized by Food and Agricultural Code section 12999.5 and Business and Professions Code section 8617, is well respected. His insight about challenges facing county programs is appreciated by both county and DPR staff.

Mr. Benincasa's findings from the Roundtable discussions and his recommendations form the basis for the questions and issues addressed in the Hearing Officer Roundtable Project.
