Mill Assessment Study Kickoff

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Contact: ProjectMillStudy@cdpr.ca.gov
Objectives

- Provide context for mill assessment
- Share mill study goals
- Introduce Crowe LLP team
- Share timeline of project milestones
- Provide details on how to get involved
- Q&A session
Context

Pesticide Products at point of first sale in CA

Mill Assessment ($0.021 per dollar sold)

Contributes roughly 80% of DPR Fund

DPR Fund

DPR State Operations

DPR Local Assistance
County Agricultural Commissioners (CACs)
for enforcement and compliance

Contributes roughly 36% of assessment disbursed to CACs ($0.0076 per dollar sold)
Context

DPR Fund: Revenues, Expenditures, Balance
(in millions)

DPR Fund Structural Imbalance:
Revenues - Expenditures (in millions)
Mill Study Goals

The 2021-2022 state budget allocated $1 million over two years to DPR to fund a study that examines:

- The current mill structure and rate
- DPR’s current and future funding needs
- County Agricultural Commissioners’ current and future funding needs associated with mill-related responsibilities
- Different mill options that can:
  - incentivize the use of safer sustainable pest management practices across California
  - provide long-term sustainable funding that allows DPR to continue to fulfill its mission
Crowe LLP Team

Crowe:

- Project Executive: Lisa Voeller
- Project Manager: Mendi Julien & Tommy Abeyta
- Project Advisors: Wendy Pratt & Erik Nylund
- Project Staff: Jason Chan, Margo Masserman, Jamey Hammond, & Garrett Gallagher

Subcontractors:

- Melanie Okoro (Eco-Alpha)
- Rick Halprin (GC Green)
Project Milestones: Spring-Summer 2022

- Review of mill-related documents and data
- Initial stakeholder information gathering
- Analysis of key departmental tasks (funded by mill revenue)
- Preliminary fiscal analysis (current and future funding needs)
Project Milestones: Summer-Fall 2022

- Stakeholder consultation sessions (conducted by sector) on study progress, findings, and potential mill assessment rates

- Development of mill assessment proposals
Project Milestones: Winter (2022-2023)

- Public release of mill assessment proposals
- Public presentations on mill assessment proposals
Project Milestones: Spring 2023

- Public release of study findings
- Finalized recommendations and implementation plan for proposals
How to Get Involved with the Mill Study

- Receive updates via the email distribution list: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/listserv/listdesc.htm
- Monitor the Mill Assessment Study webpage: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/mill/mill_assessment_study.htm
- Participate in consultation sessions with Crowe (Summer 2022)
- Review public reports and attend public presentations
- Send feedback or questions via email: ProjectMillStudy@cdpr.ca.gov
Question & Answer Session

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