

Pesticide Policy

WHEREAS, pesticides are required for the control of many destructive insects, diseases, nematodes and weeds; and

WHEREAS, these plant pests interfere with the production of an ample supply of clean, wholesome and safe food so necessary to feed our expanding population; and

WHEREAS, these plant pests are destructive to ornamental and other valuable landscape plants which enhance the beauty and esthetic value of our homes, parks and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, there is indisputable evidence that these pesticides can be used safely based on directions and registrations for their use as established through painstaking and valid research; and

WHEREAS, pesticides are constantly under attack charging them with being a major source of pollution of the nation's waters, as being a serious contaminant of our food supply, and as being a serious threat to wildlife and other values in the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, there are pressures from some sources to completely ban the manufacture and use of certain pesticides which are of unquestioned value and furthermore are the only pesticides available for the control of specific destructive pests; and

WHEREAS, there are no problems associated with the use of pesticides which cannot be resolved by the elimination of certain uses and the careful regulation of other approved uses; and

WHEREAS, the California Agricultural Commissioners Association does recognize the above principles, as adopted by the Western Plant Board at its 50th Annual Meeting at Boise, Idaho, on the 24th day of April, 1969, as necessary and vital to our economic well being and to the protection of the public and the consumer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Agricultural Commissioners Association at its 57th Annual Meeting at Kelseyville, California, on the 16th day of May, 1969, does accept and adopt the principles as outlined by the Western Plant Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Agricultural Commissioners Association recommends strong opposition to the arbitrary banning of pesticides by legislative action and instead advocates the establishment of proper and adequate controls on pesticide use which will preclude any hazard to human health, and which will afford protection and prevent damage to other values in the total ecosystem.

/S/
WILLIAM FITCHEN
Executive Secretary

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