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Latest Information from CAPCA



CAPCA AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Nominations will be open until June 5th, 2026. You will need to complete a separate nomination form for each person, company or organization you are nominating. The nominated person, company or organization will be asked to accept the nomination and provide some additional information to ensure the Nominating Committee as well as the CAPCA Board of Directors, who votes on the award winners, have adequate information for their decision.

**SUBMIT
NOMINATIONS HERE**

**Strengthening Continuing
Education Compliance: DPR**

SWS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

One Stanley W. Strew scholarship opportunity is available for students interested in careers in the pest management industry. This scholarship is sponsored by the California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA) and administered by the Stanley W. Strew Educational Fund, Inc.

The deadline to apply is May 4th, 2026.

There are many other scholarships available as well! Be sure to check them out below.

SEE INFO HERE

**REGISTRATION OPENS
- MAY 5TH -**

Announces Updates and Key Reminders for Sponsors in 2026

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is preparing to release new guidance aimed at improving consistency and compliance among continuing education (CE) sponsors. Scheduled for early summer, the updated guidance will clarify expectations for CE course auditing, time-increments for approved courses, and certificate of completion issuance procedures.

Recently, DPR enhanced its online CE course listings by integrating new searchable features, making it easier for both licensees and sponsors to find available courses, confirm course approvals and to verify the number of hours credited for CE courses. The CE course list is a valuable tool to verify information for all courses that are offered each calendar year.

The new updated CE course lists are available on **DPR's webpage**.

Audit Reminders for Sponsors in 2026 From DPR

As part of its routine oversight, DPR continues to work with sponsors to strengthen CE course offerings through the audit process. The most common findings include:

- Incomplete or incorrectly filled certificates of completion
- Changes to speaker presentations or course content that were not submitted for DPR approval
- Instances in which sponsors failed to notify DPR when a course was canceled
- Insufficient identity verification at in-person courses

To maintain compliance, sponsors must provide each license and certificate holder with a certificate of completion within 15 business days following

52nd Annual Conference & Agri-Expo

Excitement is in the air as registration for the CAPCA 52nd Annual Conference & Agri-Expo draws near.

NEW Lowest Price Possible - Early bird member pricing is \$395, reflecting our continued effort to keep the conference accessible while delivering three days of gold-standard continuing education, meal events, and networking opportunities. From **advocacy that protects your license** to, historically, **the most in-person DPR hours available**, no other program brings together this many PCAs, exhibitors, and industry leaders in one place.

CAPCA CONFERENCE

- **Historically, the highest in-person DPR Hours**
- **1,000+ Attendees - the largest PCA gathering of the year**
- **120+ Exhibitors & Sponsors**
- **Topics That Matter**
- **Big Networking Energy - receptions, socials, raffles, and more!**
- **Statewide Recognition & Influence - connect with regulators & industry leaders**

OTHERS

- Just another dollar in someone's for-profit pocket
- Minimal in-person DPR Hours

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successful course completion. Sponsors are also required to submit a record to DPR within 14 days after the completion of the course of all license and certificate holders who earned CE hours and maintain those records for three years. Licensees are similarly responsible for maintaining their own certificates of completion for three years. For questions about earned CE hours or certificates of completion provided, licensees should contact course sponsors directly.

DPR also reminds sponsors that any changes to an approved course—such as agenda changes, syllabus updates, or cancellations—must be submitted in writing to DPR. Changes should be submitted prior to a course date for DPR's review and approval whenever possible. In cases where changes occur unexpectedly, sponsors should notify DPR as soon as possible and additional guidance will be provided as needed. Requests may be submitted via email to **CEmail@cdpr.ca.gov**.

DPR encourages sponsors to contact the Continuing Education Review Committee at **CEmail@cdpr.ca.gov** or 916-603-7792 for questions or clarifications on CE requirements, submission of CE, or approved courses. Resources for sponsors can be found on **DPR's Continuing Education webpage**.

CAPCA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

We're the **only association fighting for the California PCA license**—educating policymakers and protecting your profession.

Track your CE hours easily at **CEReported.com** — now with 300+ approved sponsors!

Pre-filled LIC-141 forms and a self-report feature located on YOUR dashboard make submitting and tracking hours easier than ever!

DPR SPRAYDAYS FIRST ANNUAL UPDATE

The Department of Pesticide Regulation released a press release announcing DPR's SprayDays California First Annual Status Update. You'll find links to the report and public comment webpage at the end of the press release.

The report covers SprayDays' first calendar year of statewide operation, summarizes public use and feedback, and outlines system improvements and next steps.

The public comment period is **now open through May 1st**, and comments may be submitted via **SmartComment** or email to **spraydays@cdpr.ca.gov**.

[SEE INFO HERE](#)

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE RAT RESOURCE WEBINAR!

CAPCA has been compiling resources and developing baseline monitoring for rat infestations. It is crucial that Pest Control Advisers and growers, both those new to the issue and those continuing to manage high populations, have access to the latest information and effective strategies.

We held a rat-focused webinar recently and condensed the information into a checklist, designed to help quickly identify steps for detection, monitoring, and control, with proven management strategies.

Please follow the link below to view the checklist.

[SEE INFO HERE](#)

CLAIM YOUR COMPLIMENTARY RAT BAIT STATIONS HERE

FREE Online CE - Look forward to five hours, coming this Spring!

Get industry updates, regulatory news, and technical insights in our **Adviser Magazine** and here in our newsletter.

CROP STEWARD AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE

CAPCA has unlocked the Crop Steward scouting app for all PCAs as the CDFA grant feedback phase concludes. Use it to keep field notes and report local issues—such as rat activity or gaps in pest management tools.

Coming later this spring, a new enhancement will provide baseline monitoring of rat populations by aggregating crowdsourced reports from PCAs statewide and displaying them as an anonymized county-level heat map.

Your data will help demonstrate real field impacts and support informed decision-making. If you don't have an account yet, **it's free and easy to sign up [HERE](#)**.

VIDEO RESOURCES BY CDFA AND UC FOR RAT MANAGEMENT

Blog post with video links:

[Video Series on Roof Rat Damage in Orchards: What Growers Need to Know - CDFA's Planting Seeds Blog](#)
[CDFA's Planting Seeds Blog](#)

Video Playlist link:

[Rat Management Training - YouTube](#)

Program webpage with video links:

[CDFA - Plant Health - Rat Management Resources](#)

Last fall, CAPCA partnered with a manufacturer to develop a bait station that reflects the University of California's recommended design elements for optimal placement in trees.

To claim your free bait stations or to place additional orders, simply scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

OVER 300+ CE SPONSORS ON CE HOURS REPORTED!



Look for the trusted logo!

We encourage members to **ask CE course sponsors to submit hours through the CE Hours Reported platform**.

This tool streamlines the **management and tracking** of CE credits, providing **accurate and timely reporting** for licensing requirements.

Members can **effortlessly access** and organize their **CE records**, making it easy to stay compliant with professional standards. This **keeps your CE records up-to-date and accessible**, simplifying your path to compliance.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

April 9

CAPCA Desert Valleys April CE Meeting (and Annual Randy Heath Golf Tournament)

DPR Hours TBA [REGISTER HERE](#)

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