

**California Department of Food and Agriculture**

**BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

The Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee will hold a Board Meeting on  
**May 29, 2026, at 10 a.m.**

**Physical location:**

CDFA Gateway Oaks Conference Room at:  
2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 210S, Sacramento, CA 95833

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May 29, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (PST)

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All matters noticed on this agenda may be considered for action. Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Board Chair. Any item not so noticed will not be considered or discussed. Each of the agenda items may include discussion and possible action by the Board. Time will be allowed for members of the public to make comments on each agenda item. All meeting agendas and notices are available on the California Department of Food and Agriculture website at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/Meetings>.

For further information, please contact Emily Schoenborn, Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, Integrated Pest Control Branch, 1220 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814. (916) 764-7759.

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**AGENDA**

**1) Welcome**

**2) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and VPCRAC Compliance**

**3) Approval of Minutes**

**4) California Department of Food and Agriculture Updates**

- a) Program Updates
- b) County Monthly Reports

**5) Financial Reports**

- a) Program Budget, Expenditures, and Revenue Review
- b) Fund Condition and Research Expenditures
- c) Proposed Budget for FY 26/27

**6) Committee Membership**

- a) Board Member Requirements

**7) Research**

- a) Rodenticide Research for Mandatory Data Requirements
- b) Research Progress Reports
  - “Investigating invasive roof rat resistance.”
  - “Testing the applicability of new application strategies of zinc phosphide for managing ground squirrels.”

- “Determining utility of carcass searches for reducing secondary exposure risk associated with ground squirrel rodenticide applications.”
- "Investigating the potential of burrow fumigation and trapping for managing roof rats in nut orchards"

**8) Other Items**

- a) Yearly meeting calendar review and location for next year’s spring meeting
- b) Public Comment on Matters not on this Agenda
- c) Future Action Items

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