

HCPA – DPR Workshop — Planning Agenda

Overall Goals

- Help registrants understand and navigate the DPR process with confidence
- Improve submission efficiency and reduce unnecessary rework
- Strengthen two-way communication between DPR and registrants

Structure

- **Primary delivery:** virtual
- **Recommended structure: two half-days** (ideally 9-12 AM PST)
- **Day 1 (half-day):** Orientation + DPR current state + Engagement with DPR
- **Day 2 (half-day):** Post-Registration Processes + CalPEST deep dive + unique-to-DPR topics + data alignment + Adjacent Intersections + open Q&A
- **Dates — Thursday, September 24 and Thursday, October 1, 2026**

HCPA - CDPR Workshop Agenda (as of 9-1-26)

Day 1 — Thursday, September 24, 2026

Time (PT)	Session & Topics	Presenter(s)
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions & Workshop Goals	HCPA Dr. Jennifer “JT” Teerlink, Deputy Director, DPR
9:10 – 9:45 a.m.	1. Process Orientation • High-level walkthrough of registration and post-registration pathways • Critical stages and decision points • Where and how registrants can engage (listserv, PREC meetings, public comment, etc.)	Emily Saad, Exponent
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	2. DPR Current State & Process Improvements • How DPR currently manages its workload and queues • How the queue behaves in practice, including “updating documents before DPR review” • Common sources of review delays and current efforts to reduce them • How to respond effectively to DPR submission review comments • Submission issues that lead to avoidable deficiencies • DPR’s preferred communication routes with registrants • Ways registrants can best support an efficient registration process • DPR’s preparation for the implementation of AB 2113 processing timelines and tolling authorities • Notification-vs-amendment distinction: which changes DPR accepts as a notification rather than a full amendment • Reasons for returned or denied product submissions and how to prevent them • Current and planned process-improvement efforts and staffing	Francie Bishop, DPR Russell Darling, Environmental Program Manager, DPR
10:45 – 10:55 a.m.	Break	
10:55 – 11:50 a.m.	3. Engagement with DPR Priority Review Submissions & Communication	Dr. Tulio Macedo, Chief, Pesticide Registration Branch, DPR Consultant/Registrant?

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	• Options for high-priority submissions: concurrent review, expedited requests — what information DPR needs upfront to act quickly • Escalation pathway, stated explicitly: when a member faces a hard deadline • DPR prioritization: who is the contact and what is the process — ideally heard directly from DPR Effective Meetings with DPR (DPR-led, with registrant perspective) • How to request and run a productive meeting with DPR — including pre-submission meetings • Practical tips on framing, materials, and follow-up • A short “who does what at DPR / who to contact” piece	
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Q&A and Day 1 Wrap-Up & Day 2 Preview	HCPA

Day 2 — Thursday, October 1, 2026

Time (PT)	Session & Topics	Presenter(s)
9:00 – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome Back & Day 1 Recap	HCPA
9:05 – 9:35 a.m.	4. Post-Registration Processes • Reevaluation, risk assessment, and data call-ins — triggers and what to expect	DPR CERT Manager (name TBD)
9:35 – 10:10 a.m.	5. CalPEST Connection • Best practices and pro-tips for using CalPEST • User accounts vs Company records – user roles, multi-factor authentication (MFA), and submission access • How to read and track submission status – understanding the flow of submissions • Taking action in the submission details – reviewing evaluation reports, agreeing to conditions, addressing deficiencies, and uploading documents	Laura Benn, Research Data Specialist II, DPR
10:10 – 10:30 a.m.	6. What's Unique About the DPR Process • Section Three products • DPR's interpretation of 25(b) • Pesticide Devices	Kara James, Exponent
10:30 – 10:40 a.m.	Break	
10:40 – 11:05 a.m.	7. Aligning Data Needs Across Agencies • DPR perspective: what data DPR requires and why • Consultant perspective: the actual bridging strategy for redundant or differing EPA/DPR requirements	Dr. Jill Townzen, Chief, Pesticide Evaluation Branch, DPR Elaine Freeman & Bonnie MacCulloch, Exponent
11:05 – 11:20 a.m.	8. Adjacent Intersections • CARB VOC: scoped tightly to the intersection only — i.e., when a CARB-driven VOC reformulation forces a DPR amendment	Nicholas Georges, HCPA
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	9. Open Q&A / "Ask DPR"	DPR staff & HCPA