Cal/EPA Mission

Office of the Secretary
The mission of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.

Following are the missions of the boards, departments, and offices that make up Cal/EPA.

Air Resources Board
The Air Resources Board's (ARB) mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare and ecological resources through the effective and efficient reduction of air pollutants in recognition and consideration of the effects on the economy of the state.

Department of Pesticide Regulation
The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has the primary responsibility for regulating all aspects of pesticide sales and use to protect the public health and the environment. DPR's mission is to evaluate and mitigate impacts of pesticide use, maintain the safety of the pesticide workplace, ensure product effectiveness, and encourage the development and use of reduced risk pest control practices while recognizing the need for pest management in a healthy economy.

Department of Toxic Substances Control
To restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

Integrated Waste Management Board
The mission of the Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB) is to protect the public health and safety and the environment through waste prevention, waste diversion, and safe waste processing and disposal.

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
The mission of OEHHA is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by objective scientific evaluation of risks posed by hazardous substances.

State Water Resources Control Board
The State Water Resources Control Board's mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.

About Cal/EPA

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