

# PPDC: Cross-Sector Workgroup

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Proposed Charge Questions

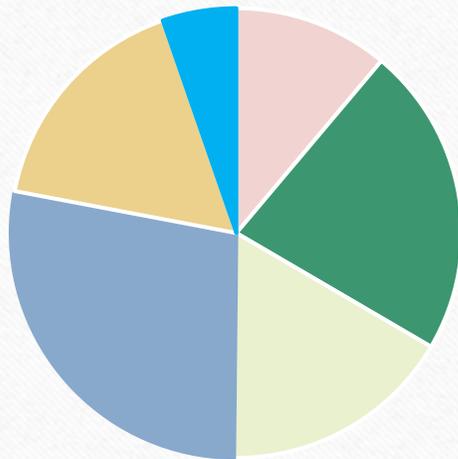
June 17, 2025

# Workgroup Origins & Vision

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- Approved November 2024 PPDC Meeting
  - Motion: Joe Grzywacz
  - Second: Bob Mann
  - Vote 24 in favor
- In the context of budget constraints, understaffing, and a shifting landscape, support the EPA and OPP in strategizing around competing responsibilities and identifying consensus-based priorities across diverse stakeholders.

# Workgroup Membership



- Government
- Registrants
- State Partners
- Trade Organizations
- Farmworkers
- NGO

Name	Organization
Joseph G. Grzywacz	San Jose State U
Elizabeth Vizard	EPA
Clayton Myers	USDA, Office of Pest Management Policy
Amy McCaskill	Syngenta
Lisa Dreilinger	Arxada
Thomas Pike	IR-4 Project
Marcia Trostle	Nutrien
Becky Langer	National Corn Growers Association
Bob Mann	National Association of Landscape Professionals
Bob Nielson	Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
Manojit Basu	Crop Life America
Terry Kippley	Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology
Kimberly Brown	U. Of Tennessee Extension
Marc Lame	Indiana University
Sam Polly	U. Missouri, Extension
Bill Jordan	Environmental Protection Network
Ernesto Ruiz	Farmworker Association of Florida
Bethany Boggess Alcauter	National Center for Farmworker Health
Becca Berkey	Northeastern U.

# More context: In the face of rising costs and static/declining resources....

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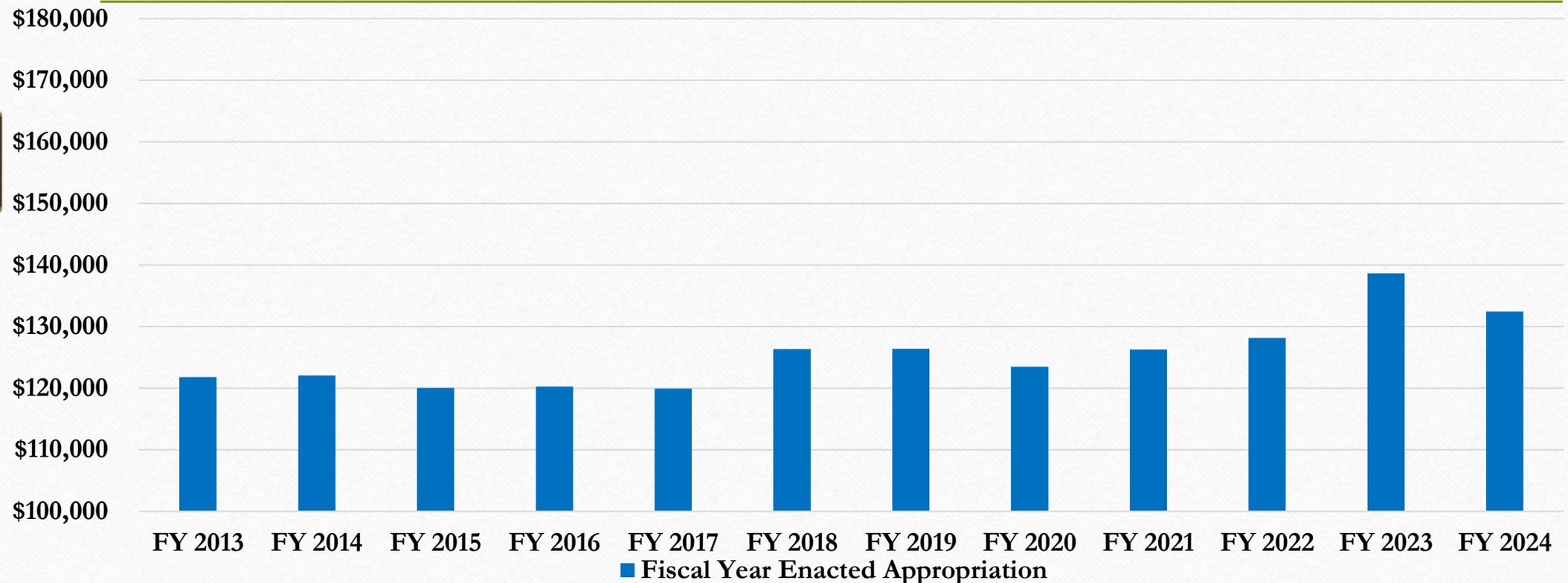
- OPP has a wide and complex mandate, including
  - Pesticide evaluation, registration & re-evaluation (within mutually agreed timelines)
  - Occupational and environmental safety
  - Residue tolerances and food safety
  - Enforcement and compliance support
  - Public & Stakeholder engagement
  - Promoting safer technologies
- Persistent backlog of pesticide registrations and evaluations
- Court-approved settlements & Court Approve Actions
- Continues to implement several outstanding OIG and GAO recommendations

# Workgroup Activities

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- Five 1-hour virtual meetings spanning April 10 to June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Harvesting existing resources to educate workgroup members on areas of work OPP engages with
  - Office of Inspector General – 25 spanning 1994 through 2025
  - Government Accounting Office – 4 spanning 2013 through 2021
  - Pesticides Enacted Appropriations by Fiscal Year, FYs 2012-2024
- Formulating charge questions
- Outlining methods for answering charge questions, and outlining potential requests to OPP for information

## Pesticides Enacted Appropriations by Fiscal Year, FYs 2012-2024 (Dollars in Thousands)



# Proposed Charge Question #1

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*Goal: Identify optimal resource allocations for pesticide regulation to promote economic vitality without compromising OPP's mission of protecting human health and the environment.*

- What resource allocation strategies could OPP consider to improve protection of human health and the environment across:
  - **Registration** to increase the speed and efficiency of decisions and reduce the existing backlog?
  - **Registration review** to promote safer use, including greater **worker safety** through WPS and CPA (Certification of Pesticide Applicators) rule implementation and protections for non-target species consistent with the ESA (Endangered Species Act)?
  - Technical assistance, grants, and other non-regulatory programs?

# Proposed Charge

## Question #2

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*Goal: Identify and prioritize possible strategies to improve the cost-effectiveness of OPP resources in protecting human health and the environment by regulating pesticide use.*

- What feedback or observations can the workgroup share to help OPP enhance the cost-effectiveness of its various resources?
  - Talented scientists and staff
  - IT systems
  - Policies or processes
  - Non-regulatory programs
  - Regulations
  - FIFRA, FFDCA, FQPA, PRIA, or other statutes\*
  - Technical assistance and grant programs

\*FIFRA=Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

FFDCA= Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

FQPA = Food Quality Protection Act

PRIA= Pesticide Registration Improvement Act

# Proposed Charge Question #3

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*Goal: Identify and prioritize recommendations for cultivating high-impact partnerships with non-EPA entities in protecting human health and the environment by regulating pesticide use.*

- What are good examples of and best-practice strategies for forward-thinking partnerships and strong cooperative federalism that OPP could emulate?
  - "Strong" cooperative federalism is defined as clear and consistent national standards surrounding pesticide regulation and use, balanced against decision-making at state and local levels, which often involve wide variation in available resources for regulation implementation and enforcement, as well as differences in human populations and natural ecologies.
  - "Partnerships" refers to strategic initiatives with other non-EPA entities (e.g., International Organizations, other national governments, industry, and non-profits)