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Who?

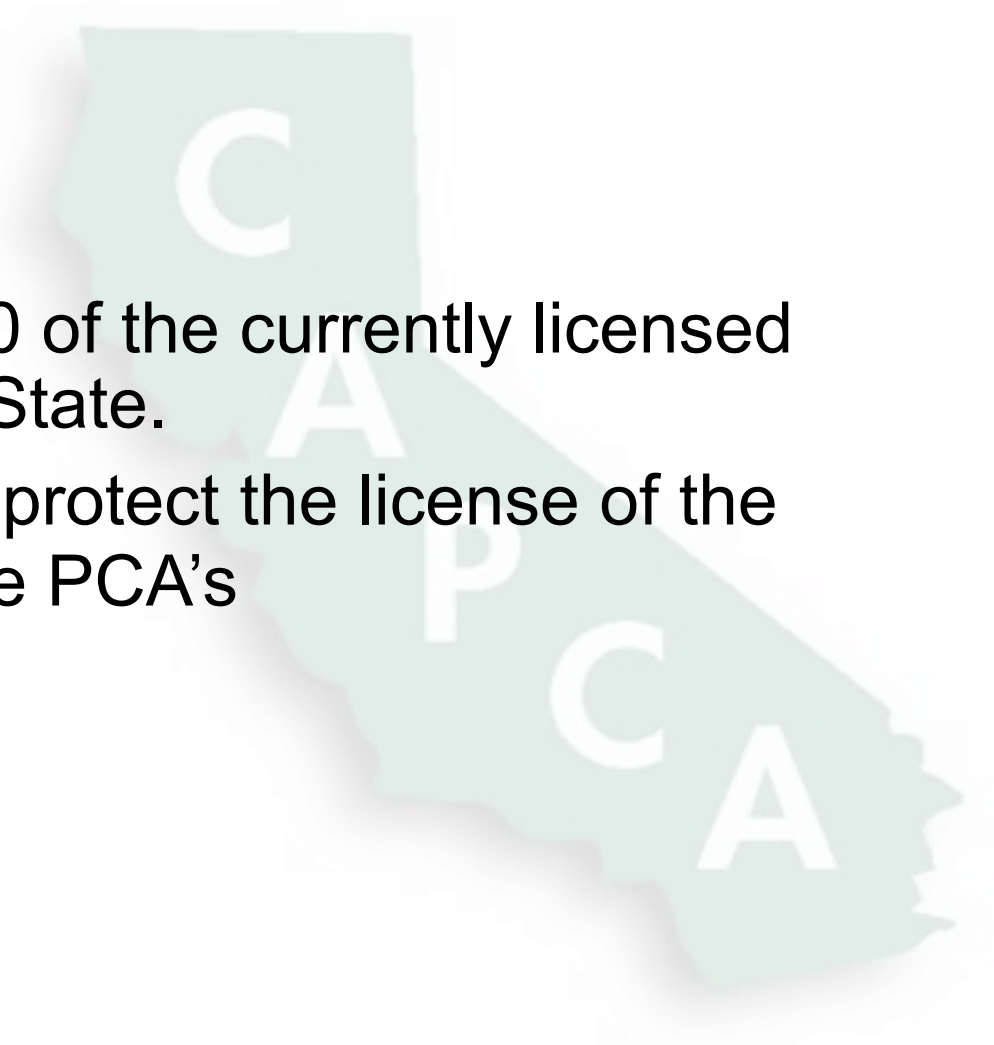
- The California Association of Pest Control Advisers represents more than 75% of the nearly 4,000 California EPA licensed pest control advisers (PCAs) that provide pest management consultation for the production of food, fiber and ornamental industries in California.

Established 1975

- To support and promote agricultural pest control advisers (PCA's)
- 16 regional chapters located throughout the entire State of California.
- Our Mission is to facilitate the success of the licensed pest control adviser.

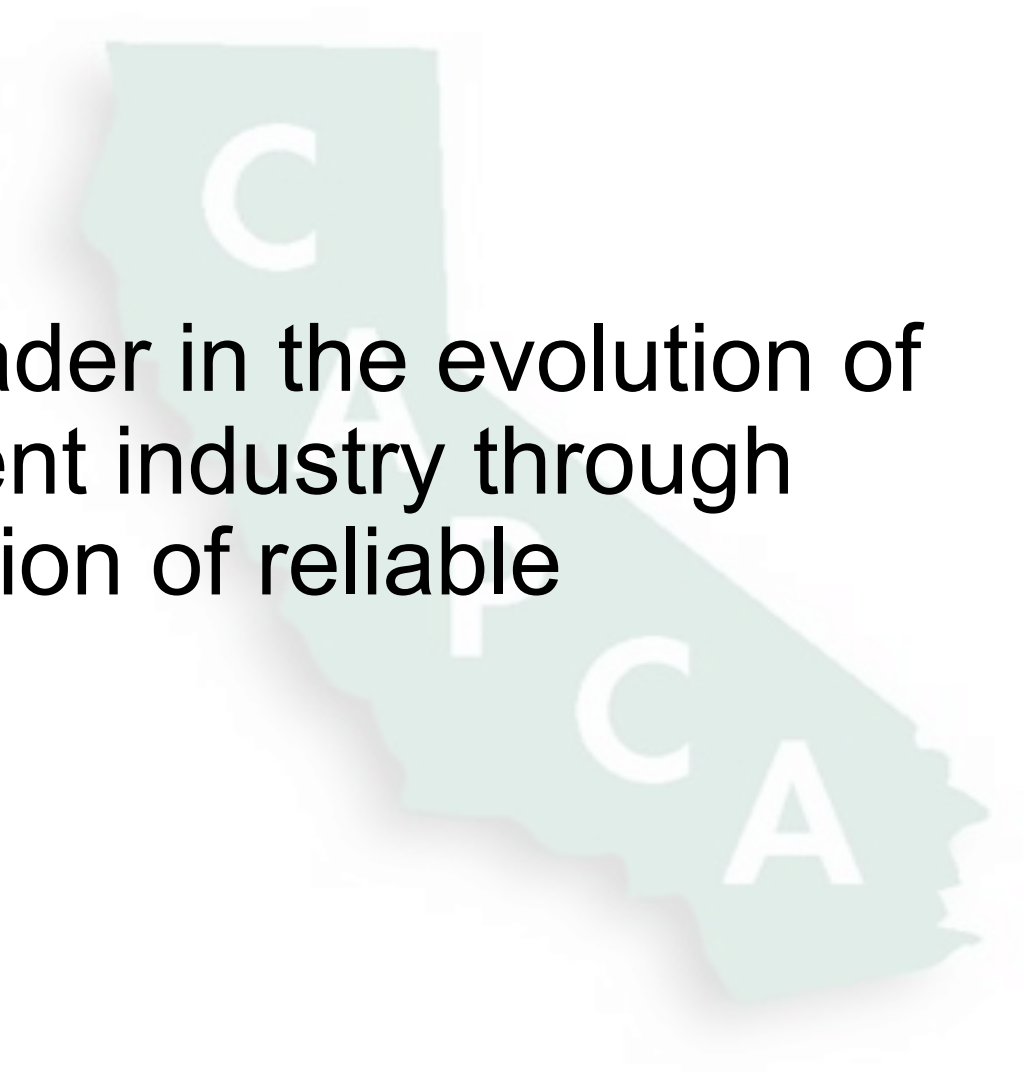
Who is CAPCA?

- Represent over 2,800 of the currently licensed 4,000+ PCA's in the State.
- CAPCA can lobby to protect the license of the QAL's, QAC's and the PCA's



Purpose?

Serve as the leader in the evolution of pest management industry through the communication of reliable information



Leadership

Serve as the leader in the evolution of the pest management industry by developing future leaders

1. Increase a PCA's Professionalism
2. Development of Crop Teams
3. Pathway to PCA
4. Leadership Institute
5. 3 coordinators throughout the State producing professional development CE seminars for all California licensees in both pest and nutrient management

Why?

Dedicated to the professional development and enhancement of our member's education and stewardship through

- Legislative
- Regulatory
- Continuing Education
- Public Outreach Activities



Membership

- Agricultural Consulting firms
- UC Cooperative Extension Service
- City, County, State municipalities
- Public Agencies
- Privately employed
- Forensic pest management firms
- Biological control supplies
- Distributors
- Dealers of farm supplies
- Laboratories
- Farming companies
- Seed companies
- Manufacturers of pest management products
- Students



What is a PCA?

- Licensed professional production consultants who serve California agriculture and horticulture producers who specialize in pest management and issues relating to plant health.
 - **A PCA provides restricted use recommendation – MUST BE IN WRITING**
 - **Held as an authority on any agricultural use.**
 - **Solicits sales of products or services for any agricultural use.**
- A PCA is diverse and can specialize in any of the following areas such as help to maintain highway vegetation, solve weed congestion in public waterways, assist in pest-free greenhouse, golf courses, turf and landscapes, forests, or ensure the growth of healthy, food, fiber and ornamentals from over 9,900,000 acres of California Farm and Public lands.

Educational Requirements

To obtain a PCA license, an individual must meet strict educational requirements, plus successfully pass multiple examinations administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/adviser.htm

Educational Requirements are listed here: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/min-qual-pca/pdf

Questions?

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