Santa Barbara County
Agricultural Commissioner’s
Office

June Laws and Regs Update
Lottie Martin
Avian Pests

- **Bird Whistlers®** have recently been reclassified to exempt status. These products are no longer regulated by ATF and therefore will not require cooperators to hold explosives licenses/permits.
- Safe storage will not be inspected or regulated either.
- Users are encouraged to continue storing Whistlers following the guidelines for explosives.
Fumigation Update

- Township cap for 1,3-D increased to 270,000 again for 34W.
- SBCAC has new permit conditions for chemigation with straight pic. We also will be allowing shank application of straight pic under TIF/VIF this season.
- The EPA Phase II labels are expected soon and the new requirements should be effective for next years fumigation season.
- More restrictions on fumigants=less choice for growers.
Impaired Water Bodies

- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board conducted water monitoring from 2000-2006.
- 5 local bodies of water were found to be impaired with Chlorpyrifos.
- The Chlorpyrifos seems to be persistent and is killing water fleas.
- CCRWQCB is concentrating on the use of Lorsban 15G as the probable cause of the impairment.
- DPR and local CAC’s have been asked to work with industry to determine viable solutions to reduce the problem.
CAC has searched PUR’s to gather a list of local growers who use Lorsban 15G.

CAC will be contacting the growers to determine application method, application timing and other information about the use of Lorsban 15G.

CAC would like to work with the users of Lorsban 15G to find possible solutions to keep the Chlorpyrifos out of the water.