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Alternatives Considered - Restricted Materials Permit

Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 6426 requires a permit applicant and their pest control adviser to consider feasible alternatives to the use of restricted materials before applying for a Restricted Materials Permit with the county agricultural commissioner (CAC). This section provides:

6426 (a) *Each licensed agricultural pest control adviser and grower, when determining if and when to use a pesticide that requires a permit, shall consider, and if feasible, adopt any reasonable, effective and practical mitigation measure or use any feasible alternative which would substantially lessen any significant adverse impact on the environment.*

6426 (b) *Each licensed agricultural pest control operator shall have available a copy of a written recommendation covering each agricultural use application of a pesticide that requires a permit, and operate in accordance with a pesticide permit issued by the commissioner. The standards for such recommendations are established in Section 6556.*

Please complete the following, and include this information with your Restricted Materials Permit application. This information is necessary in order for your application to be deemed complete. The Department of Agriculture will not process incomplete permit applications. For each restricted active ingredient (A.I.), please list the feasible alternatives that you considered before applying for a Restricted Materials Permit, including:

1. Non-chemical pest management practice alternatives such as, but not limited to, hand weeding or mowing; orchard floor sanitation to remove mummy nuts or berries; timing pruning to minimize chance of fungal infection; or trapping, habitat modification, and use of predators for rodent control. [Multi-material Review Supplemental sheets are available]

2. Reduced risk chemical alternatives such as, but not limited to, non- restricted pesticide products, certified organic or FIFRA section 25(b) exempt/minimum risk pesticide products. [Multi-material Review Supplemental sheets are available]

Permittee: _____ Total # of pages: _____

Agent Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Issuing Officer Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

