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As has been addressed historically, the use pesticides and enforcement is only good as the enforcement methods, planning and the punitive actions that result in pesticide use/misuse. It is more of a tale wagging the dog. That is where good planning comes into play. Farming needs room and distance from interference. In the case of the Mosby project, there is capitalization on the city's River Park. Because of an agreement between the county and the city, neither has to acquire the permission and/or the approval of the other to develop on lands owned in the other's jurisdiction. Thus, River Park was developed with the county having no say in what was constructed there.

But, that is not to say the county does not have a say in the Mosby project.

This is information from a study completed in 2003, entitled Second Hand Pesticides, <http://www.pesticideresearch.com/site/docs/SecondhandPcides.pdf> with the planning aspect being addressed by some governing bodies of California:

And continues with this warning:

Page 2 of the attorney's letter:

The county should not take the actions of the City of Lompoc to plan and approve this project. This photo demonstrates the hap hazard planning with regard to the soccer fields at Riverbend Park and the farming activities that are adjacent:

The soccer fields are to the right in this photograph. The prevailing wind is across this road into the soccer fields. There is not much prevention there.

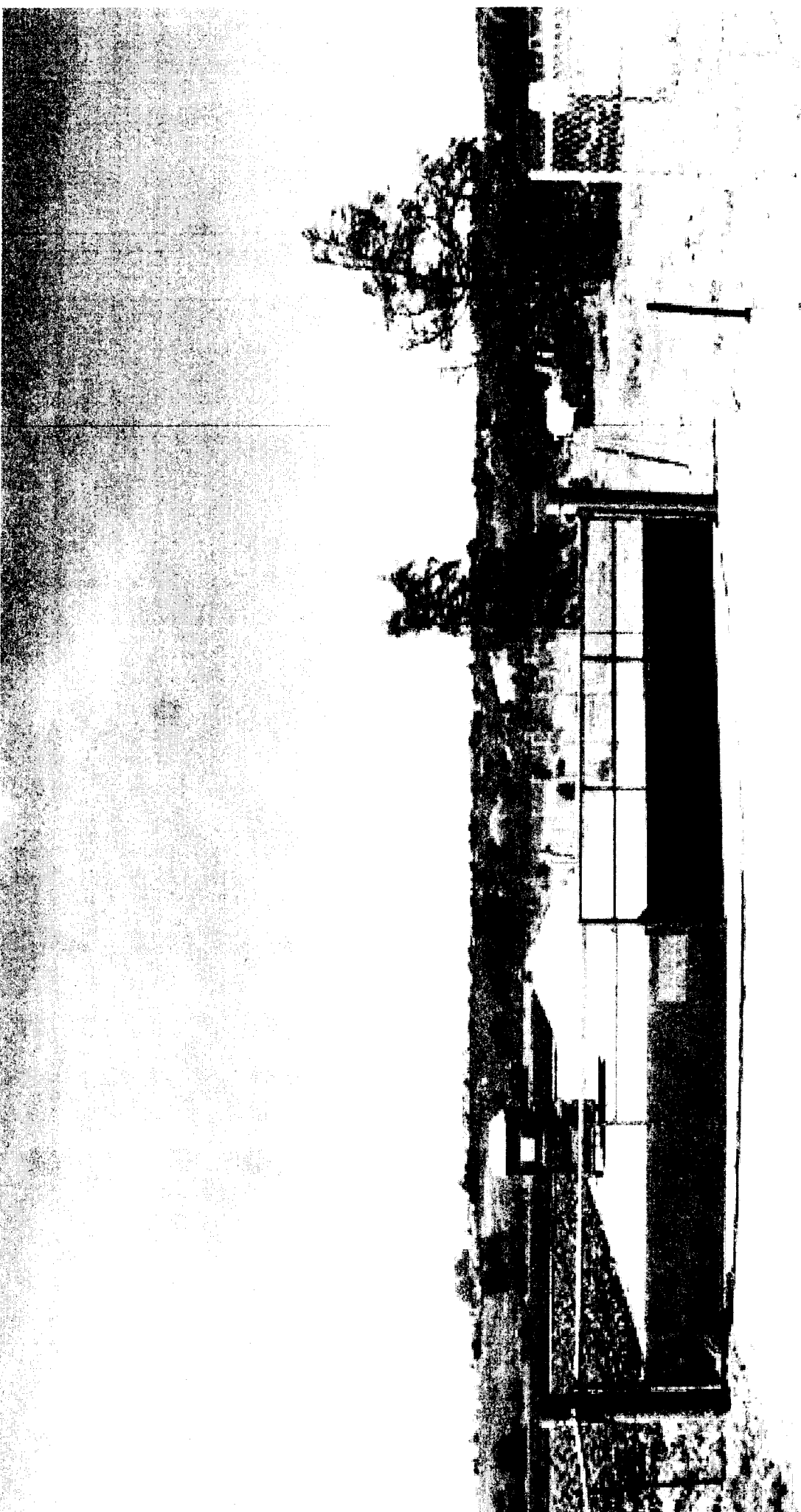
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Table 3-1: Examples of County-Specific Conditions for Use of Pesticides near Schools, Residential Areas, and Field Crews

County	Buffer Zone or Other Site-Specific Condition
Contra Costa	Aerial applications of restricted pesticides are prohibited within 500 feet of school property and aerial applications of non-restricted pesticides are permitted only on weekends, holidays, or other times when there is no evidence of persons on school property. Ground applications of restricted materials within 500 feet of school property must be made during weekends, holidays, or other times when there is no evidence of persons on school property.
Fresno	Restricted use pesticides that have restricted entry intervals of 48 hours or longer cannot be applied within 1/8 mile of a school when the school is in session or an event is in process at the school.
Kern	Aerial applications of restricted pesticides are prohibited within 1/4 mile of residential areas, occupied labor camps, or schools in session.
Riverside	No agricultural pesticide applications shall take place within 300 feet of fieldworkers.
Santa Cruz	No application of any restricted pesticides is allowed within 200 feet of a school or child-care center during or one hour before or after stated business hours. Growers should contact school officials whenever a pesticide application is scheduled near a school.
Yolo	Aerial application of restricted pesticides within one mile of residential areas is not allowed unless the air movement is 90–180 degrees away from residential areas. Ground applications of agricultural pesticides labeled “Danger” are prohibited within 100 feet of sensitive areas and ground applications of agricultural pesticides labeled “Warning” or “Caution” are prohibited within 50 feet of sensitive areas. Sensitive areas include residences, schools, and bus stops.

Source: Personal communications with County Agricultural Commissioner staff for each county.

Buffer zones must lie within the property on which the pesticide is applied and be clearly defined so they do not include public lands, public thoroughfares, or adjacent private properties (unless explicit written permission of the property owner has been granted). Under no circumstances should buffer zones be permitted to include occupied dwellings or recreation areas. Buffer zones also must be large enough to protect workers in adjacent fields, neighboring organic farms, and all housing, schools, and workplaces within a specified radius of the application. Buffer zones should be delineated for all possible weather scenarios, such as inversions or changes in wind speed and direction.



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‘Signs shall be placed at the entrances to the Park advising Park users of the potential for pesticide drift to impact the project site from adjacent agricultural operations. ... The City of Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department will coordinate with the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office and adjacent agricultural operations to attempt to limit the amount of time that organized sports are scheduled to use the playing fields at the same time the agricultural fields are being treated with pesticides or herbicides. This coordination is not expected to be problematic, as applications of pesticides or herbicides generally occur overnight or in the early morning hours.’