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11 12	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,	Case No. PT1 6 - 1083
13	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, CIVIL PENALTIES, AND
14	V.	OTHER RELIEF
15	DAVID TE VELDE, as trustee of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust dated April 21,	, ,
16	2006; ALICE TE VELDE, as trustee of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust dated April) seq.))
17	21, 2006; and DOES 1-20, inclusive,	Exempt from fees per Gov. Code, § 6103
18	Defendants.)
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20	1. Plaintiff, the People of the State of California, by and through Jeff W. Reisig, District	
21	Attorney of Yolo County, hereby allege the following upon information and belief:	
22	PARTIES	
23	2. Plaintiff is the People of the State of California. The People bring this action by and	
24	through Jeff W. Reisig, District Attorney of Yolo County. The authority of the District Attorney of	
25	Yolo County to bring this action is derived from statutory language of the State of California,	
26	specifically Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq.	
27	3. Defendant David Te Velde—as trustee of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable	
28	Family Trust dated April 21, 2006—and Alice Te Velde—as trustee of the David and Alice Te Velde	

Revocable Family Trust dated April 21, 2006—own and operate a farm in West Sacramento known as Bypass Farms.

- 4. Does 1 through 20, inclusive, are persons whose names and identities are unknown to the People at this time, and the People therefore sue these defendants by their fictitious names. The People will seek leave to amend this Complaint to allege the true names of Does 1 through 20 once they have been determined. Does 1 through 20 participated in some or all of the acts alleged herein.
- 5. The named and unnamed defendants in this action are collectively referred to as "Defendants."
- 6. Allegations in this Complaint of Defendants' acts or omissions include the acts and omissions of Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and representatives that were committed while acting within the course and scope of their employment or agency on behalf of Defendants.
- 7. All Defendants at all times acted as agents of one another. With regard to the conduct and omissions alleged in this Complaint, each of the Defendants ratified the actions of the other Defendants.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 8. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because all causes of action asserted herein arise out of Defendants' conduct in Yolo County, California.
- 9. Venue is proper in this Court under Civil Code of Procedure section 393 because the causes of action alleged in this complaint arose out of Defendants' conduct in Yolo County, California.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Defendants own and operate Bypass Farms.
- 11. On or around August 18, 2014, Defendants sprayed two pesticides on a Bypass Farms walnut orchard. Specifically, Defendants sprayed Ethrel®, which contains the chemical ethephon, and Perm-Up®, which contains the chemical permethrin.
- 12. The label instructions for Perm-Up® instruct pesticide users not to spray the product in a way that will result in human contact either "directly or through drift."

- 13. The label instructions for Ethrel®, similarly, instruct pesticide users not to spray the product in a way that will result in human contact either "directly or through drift." The Ethrel® instructions also include an oral-warning requirement requiring pesticide users to "[n]otify workers of the application by warning them orally and by posting warning signs at entrance to treated areas."
- 14. Shortly after Defendants began spraying Ethrel® and Perm-Up® on August 18, 2014, nine or more fieldworkers—who were in a Bypass Farms pistachio orchard that bordered the Bypass Farms walnut orchard—began experiencing various ailments, including headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning skin, and vomiting. All these ailments are known side effects of exposure to Perm-Up® and Ethrel®.
- 15. Defendants knew, or should have known, the location of these fieldworkers before Defendants began spraying pesticides on August 18, 2014.
- 16. Defendants, nonetheless, failed to orally notify these fieldworkers, or their supervisors, about their intention to spray pesticides on the Bypass Farms walnut orchard on August 18, 2014.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Business & Professions Code, § 17200 et seq.)

- 17. The People restate and incorporate all previous paragraphs.
- 18. Within four years of the date of commencement of this action, exclusive of any applicable tolling periods, Defendants engaged in, among other things, the following unlawful acts, omissions, and practices that constitute unfair competition within the meaning of Business and Professions Code sections 17200 through 17208:
 - a. Defendants failed to use pesticides in a manner that would prevent substantial drift to non-target areas, in violation of Food and Agriculture Code section 12972;
 - b. Defendants used pesticides in a manner that conflicted with pesticide labeling instructions, in violation of Food and Agriculture Code section 12973; and
 - c. Defendants failed to ensure that fieldworkers on Bypass Farms were notified before scheduled pesticide applications, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 3, section 6618.