

**Summary of the notes taken by Mark Rentz
Regarding the
PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PMAC) Meeting
May 15, 2008**

1. Attendance

PMAC Members (based on sign-in sheet)

Bob Blakely	Mark Cady
Stacy Carlson	Cynthia Cory
Nasser Dean	Robert Ehn
Karen Heisler	Brian Hill
Anne Katten	Bobbi Larsen
Pam Marrone	Maxwell Norton
Eric Paulsen (for Robert Baker)	Mark Rentz
Rebecca Sisco	Dave Tamayo

Interested Parties (based on sign-in sheet)

Dan Baldwin	Syngenta
Larry Coltharp	Scotts MiracleGro
Billy Gaither, Jr.	Pest Control Operators of California
Pablo Garza	The Nature Conservancy
Preeta Ghuman	Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Artie Lawyer	TSG
Darren Van Steenwyk	Clark Pest Control
Jim Wells	ESG

2. Introductions and Opening Comments

- ◆ Opening comments by DPR Deputy Director Rentz – key issues for PMAC:
 - PMAC needs to finalize its recommendations to the Director regarding the Alliance Grant proposals.
 - Efforts DPR will undertake to explore opportunities to better utilize PMAC.
 - Update on the PMAC Field Day scheduled for July 10.

3. DPR Alliance Grant Program

- ◆ PMAC's Alliance Grant Subcommittee (chaired by Karen Heisler, USEPA) briefed the full PMAC on the grant proposals and those that the subcommittee recommended the PMAC forward to the Director for her consideration.
- ◆ **NOTE:** Summary of proposals and subcommittee's recommendations are attached to the end of these notes.
- ◆ The subcommittee recommended the full PMAC forward the following three grant proposals to the Director with the recommendation that she approve them for the funding at the amounts stated:
 - ◆ Developing BIOS and Corresponding Market Certification Rewards for Canning Peaches in the San Joaquin Valley, UC Riverside - Dr. Marshall Johnson, \$195,000.

- ◆ An IPM Curriculum for Urban Childcare Programs, UC San Francisco - Dr. Abbey Alkon, \$215,000.
- ◆ Management of Pesticide Runoff in the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta and San Joaquin County Waterways, UC Davis - Dr. Michael Johnson, \$175,000
- ◆ If any of the recommended proposals decline funding, PMAC recommends that the Director apply these funds to, Practical Field Management to Reduce VOC Emissions from Soil Fumigation, USDA-ARS - Dr. Suduan Gao
- ◆ The full PMAC approved the subcommittee's recommendation.
- ◆ The full PMAC also requested that DPR send a letter to each of the project proponents who did not receive a grant award explaining how they could improve their submittal if they choose to resubmit it in the future.

4. DPR Updates

- ◆ PMAC Field Day
 - Date: Thursday, July 10.
 - Bus trip beginning in either Sacramento or Davis.
 - Focus for this year's field day: Managing Pests in a Rapidly Expanding Urban Landscape.
 - Limited seating: Let Bob Elliot and Marianne Blake know if you are attending. Priority given to PMAC members and speakers.
- ◆ PMAC Membership
 - Director committed to reassessing current PMAC membership to ensure we have an adequate scope of experience and representation to fully address the various issues identified by PMAC work groups and DPR.
 - Will wait until we complete evaluation of PMAC (see next item).
- ◆ Evaluating the PMAC
 - After almost four years since the Director redesigned the role of PMAC and the completion of the work by PMAC's Urban Pest Management Working Group and previously PMAC's Pest Management in the 21st Century Working Group, DPR's executive team believe now is an excellent time to assess PMAC.
 - DPR will retain the services of a third party facilitator (Joseph McIntyre) to enter into discussions with PMAC members and DPR Executive Team regarding the performance of PMAC, and to identify opportunities and challenges to fulfilling its advisory role to DPR.
 - Mr. McIntyre will present his findings and recommendations to the DPR Executive Team no later than early fall 2008.
 - The Director will share the findings with PMAC and discuss what actions, if any, she might take at the November 13 PMAC meeting.
- ◆ Regarding the Recommendations of the Urban Pest Management Working Group
 - The Director has received the report and recommendations of UPMWG from the PMAC.
 - The Director has asked Deputy Director Rentz to consolidate the recommendations into 2-3 strategic goals that can be shared between the DPR Executive Team and the Branch Chiefs during the development of the Branches' annual operating plan.
 - The Branch Chiefs will look for opportunities to incorporate the strategic goals into their annual operating plans for 2009, taking into account existing priorities.

- As appropriate, individual branch chiefs may identify opportunities to incorporate specific recommendations from the UPMWG report into their operations.

5. UPDATE: Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Regulations (Randy Segawa)

- ◆ Federal District Court ruled that current DPR VOC policies and regulations violate State Implementation Plan (SIP). Decision under appeal by DPR and agriculture industry.
- ◆ DPR ordered to adopt regulations to ensure compliance with SIP.
- ◆ DPR regulations went into effect in late January 2008.
- ◆ Legal action filed in response to regulations.
- ◆ Regulations will have significant constraints on use of fumigants in nonattainment areas, most notably Ventura County.
- ◆ Other nonattainment areas, most notably the southern San Joaquin Valley, will likely be similarly affected in future years.
- ◆ DPR is exploring alternative application practices and technology to reduce VOC emissions.

6. Legislative and Budget Update (Liz Pelham)

- ◆ Six vehicles addressing the Light Brown Apple Moth eradication effort are under consideration by the Legislature.
- ◆ SB 1723 (Maldonado) is sponsored by DPR and would require every person who first sells for use in this state any agricultural or structural use pesticide product packaged in high-density polyethylene containers to establish or demonstrate participation in a pesticide container recycling program.
- ◆ Both Senate and Assembly Budget subcommittees have considered funding for DPR's 2008-09 budget. Funding was approved by the subcommittees to provide increased funding for state and local implementation of DPR's VOC regulations, and for DPR oversight over local distribution of the Unused Gas Tax utilized for pesticide use enforcement activities.

7. Community Guide (Veda Federighi)

- ◆ Copies provided to PMAC members and the public.
- ◆ Community Guide was prepared in response to requests by local communities for helpful information regarding pesticide regulations, use, possible emergencies associated with pesticide exposure, and what actions can (or should) be taken by an individual who thinks he or she has become ill due to pesticide exposure.
- ◆ Copies available at: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/comguide/commtty_guide.pdf
- ◆ Copies of the revised Spanish publication entitled "Proteccion de Su Salud, Proteccion de Trabajadores Expuestos a Pesticidas" was also distributed. The Western Plant Health Association and DPR jointly developed an updated version. It was the result of a recommendation from PMAC during the 2007 PMAC Field Day.