



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mary-Ann Warmerdam
Director

FROM: David Duncan, Branch Chief
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DATE: June 2, 2008

SUBJECT: ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS
BY PMAC AT THE MAY 15, 2008, MEETING

Background

Eighteen Alliance project concepts were submitted in 2008 (ten focused on agriculture and eight on urban issues). A multi-branch Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) committee selected nine projects to submit full proposals (four ag and five urban). A subcommittee¹ of the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) reviewed and evaluated the proposals and made the following recommendation to PMAC at the May 15, 2008, meeting. PMAC accepted the subcommittee recommendation and forwarded that recommendation on for your consideration and approval.

PMAC 2008/2009 Alliance Grant Recommendation

Fund the following three projects:

Canning Peaches—this was the highest ranked project proposal (85.0/100 points). This multifaceted project will assist canning peach growers to transition from several high-risk pesticides to adoption and implementation of reduced risk sustainable practices. Goals include development of a sustainable production standards workbook and certification standards, economic assessment, outreach and education. The same group has another similar grant with US EPA so program staff will be in contact with Cindy Wire in Region IX to integrate the tasks and budget to eliminate duplications. The PMAC recommended reducing funding by the amount of the US EPA grant—\$97,155—making the award amount \$195,000.

Child Care—this was the second highest ranked project proposal (78.1/100 points). This urban pest control project will develop and disseminate a curriculum and complementary educational materials on IPM practices for the control of roaches, ants, rodents, spiders, mold/mildew, and head lice in child care environments. PMAC recommended eliminating \$49,830 from the proposal budget for a survey of child care pest management practices that is already being done through a contract with DPR's Child Care Integrated Pest Management Program. The award amount recommended is \$215,000.

¹ Subcommittee members: Tom Babb, Bob Blakely, Mark Cady, Nassar Dean, Karen Heisler, Brian Hill, Cliff Ohmart, Dave Tamayo, Renee Rianda, Lisa Ross, Rebecca Sisco



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Pesticide Runoff—this was the third highest ranked project proposal (77.5/100 points). This project will reduce or eliminate pesticides that have been identified in these waterways. The project will implement alternative practices known to reduce non-point source pesticide run-off from agricultural lands and develop new techniques currently under investigation by UC Cooperative Extension, and also provide outreach and education activities to growers. The reduced funding recommendation of \$122,816 was based on PMAC's perception that several tasks should be done by the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition, particularly tasks related to baseline water quality data and website development. The award amount recommended is \$175,000.

Staff have contacted all three groups and made them aware of the budget changes proposed. Each has agreed in principle with the recommendation and is willing to adjust tasks, deliverables and the submitted budget to conform to the recommendation.

The other six proposals were not recommended for funding.

If it would be helpful, program staff is available to brief you on these PMAC recommendations.

If you approve of the PMAC recommendations outlined above, staff will resume discussions to finalize work plans and budgets.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
Mary-Ann Warmerdam
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Lisa Ross
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