

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2000**

The thirty-sixth meeting of the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) was held on March 16, 2000, at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, 1116 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Conference Room, Lower Level, Sacramento, California

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Paul E Helliker, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)  
Charles Goodman, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)  
Jennifer Ryder Fox, AgraQuest  
Steven Pavich, Pavich Family Farms  
Mel Androus, California Commodity Committee  
Kati Bueler, Western Crop Protection Association (WCPA)  
Ronald Hampton, Western Region IR-4  
Tess Dunham, California Farm Bureau  
Kevin Olsen, Association of Natural BioControl Producers  
Bob Curtis, California League of Food Processors/Campbell soup  
Richard Price, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association  
Bill Thomas, Law Offices of William Thomas  
Kathy Taylor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
Frank Zalom, University of California, Statewide IPM Program  
Dawit Zeleke, The Nature Conservancy

**INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:**

Brian Haddix, Cal EPA  
Tobi Jones, DPR  
Steven Monk, DPR  
Nan Gorder, DPR  
Bob Elliott, DPR  
Mac Takeda, DPR  
Angelica Welsh, DPR  
Sandy Mendes, DPR  
Anne Mox, DPR  
Artie Lawyer, Technology Sciences Group  
Rick Melnicoe, UC Pesticide Impact Assessment Program  
Lori Burger, CA Minor Crops Council  
Michael Dibartolomeis, OEHHA  
Gary Obenauf, Ag. Resources Consulting  
Gary Van Sickle, CA Tree Fruit Agreement  
JP Cativiela, CA Rice Commission  
John Pearson, JPRRS

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE.**

Paul Helliker opened the meeting, there was one amendment to the summary of the previous meeting to reflect that Aquatic Outreach Institute did not receive assistance from DPR in preparing their proposal for a pest management grant.

### **2. REVISION OF MISSION AND STRUCTURE OF THE PMAC.**

Paul Helliker explained the process that DPR has gone through in evaluating its current roster of advisory committees, including the following recommendations: (a) the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC) be retained as an interagency advisory committee; (b) the PMAC be retained and its membership be inclusive of all other external stakeholders; and (c) the Pesticide Advisory Committee be consolidated into the restructured PMAC and the PREC. Steven Monk presented a draft charter reflective of these changes. During the ensuing discussion, DPR agreed to retain CDFA as Vice-Chair, to further clarify the functions of the committee, and make other minor changes to the draft charter. Considerable input was also received on potential changes to the composition of the committee, which will require a regulation change. Several suggestions were made for appropriate categories of affiliation for membership on the PMAC in order to be as inclusive as possible of external stakeholders. DPR's proposed restructure in response to these suggestions will be presented at the next meeting.

### **3. MAJOR POLICY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PMAC – DPR ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE, ETC.**

Paul Helliker offered a breadth of policy issues that would be appropriate for future PMAC agendas and entertained additional suggestions from PMAC members. The suggested topics included: updates on regulations, the enforcement initiative, strategic planning, and methyl bromide as well as discussion of the labeling of genetically-modified organisms, revisions to DPR's ground water protection program, the pesticide use reporting system, registration timelines, e-government initiatives, and the "People and Pesticides" quality team report.

### **4. COMBINED PEST MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE AND PEST MANAGEMENT GRANT CALENDAR.**

Nan Gorder and Bob Elliott provided an overview of the combined Pest Management Alliance and Pest Management Grants calendar for the next grant cycle. The call for proposals will be released in early July. Four proposal options are available: Applied Research and Demonstration Pest Management Grant proposals, Pest Management Evaluation proposals, and Pest Management Alliance proposals. The PMAC will be evaluating proposals for Applied Research and Demonstration Grant projects as well as Pest Management Alliance projects.

**5. THE PRUNE PEST MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE AND BIORATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES.**

Gary Obenauf provided an overview of the Prune Pest Management Alliance. The Alliance is working together to demonstrate economical prune production, while reducing reliance on highly toxic pesticides. The coordinated effort is called the Integrated Prune Farming Practices project. One of the key elements of the project is the use of new monitoring techniques developed to help growers make more informed pest management decisions. A significant accomplishment has been the elimination of dormant organophosphate sprays by participating growers at 22 demonstration plots statewide.

Dr. Jennifer Ryder Fox provided an overview of biorational pest management alternatives. Approximately 26% of the products registered in the 90's are reduced-risk. Target commodities for these products are fruits, nuts, and vegetables. There is also a growing home use market. External forces driving the growth of biopesticides include FQPA, the growth in the organic food industry, and the movement towards sustainable agriculture. Currently most biorational products are Bt products. Biopesticides are developed using the same process as conventional pesticides but are quicker from discovery to market, typically 3 years. AgraQuest has a biofungicide product called "Serenade" that is about ready to enter the market.

**6. NEXT MEETING.**

Next meeting of the PMAC was scheduled for June 15, 2000, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at DPR, 1116 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Conference Room, Lower Level, Sacramento.

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