

**RIFA Environmental Monitoring Field Notes
Environmental Hazards Assessment Program
Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation
830 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Trip Date: February 23-24, 2000

Project Meeting

CDFA and CAC RIFA project meeting attendees:

Mohammad Azhar, Basil Ibewiro, David Quimayousie, Mamadou War and Reubin Arias, CDFA Exclusion

Mohammed Zubaidy, Joan Scheiman, Aurelio Posadas and Adrian Gonzales, CDFA PDEP

Larry Cooper, CDFA-Public Affairs

Michele McKay, CDFA-Bell Phone Bank

John Ellis, Orange CAC staff

Dennis Vinopal and Dan Papilli, LA CAC staff

Don Schreiber, San Bernardino CAC staff

Stephen Durso and William Oesterlein, Riverside CAC staff

Dick Meyer and Doug Mathews, Orange County Vector Control, Fire Ant Authority (OCFAA).

Dave Kim, DPR-EM/PM

Meeting Highlights:

- a) Pest Exclusion: No RIFA finds in bee hive inspections, ~ 3000 hives have been inspected using Spam bait. Thirty turf farms to be surveyed, 3 in quarantine areas, using CCC for Spam baiting. No new nursery inspections due to weather.
- b) PDEP: RIFA manual is almost finished. New APCS hired, Adrian Gonzales, to help Mohammed Z. in Costa Mesa. Set priorities for OCFAA, seasonals will start training on March 3.
- c) Public Affairs: Public outreach, before the new public relations agency takes over in May or June, will include newspaper, community meetings and information distributed by the CCC.
- d) Orange Co.: OCFAA has hired Richard Bowan as Project Director, Doug Mathews is the Field Operations Manager. Training Field Supervisors, treating target areas in Cyprus with Distance. John Miller is the media contact person for RIFA questions.
- e) LA Co.: Los Coyotes playing field, was negative when baited in December, is now infested. Two RIFA finds on Alondra Blvd., between La Mirada and Cerritos quarantine areas, will probably merge the two quarantine areas. One RIFA find in Whittier, near LA-OC border. The four new infestations bring the total to 170, 133 in residences. Treating mounds with Talstar drench at 1 tsp/Gal., 2 Gallons per mound. Using

Talstar for control, baits not as effective due to cold weather, will use baits when it warms up.

- f) Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (CVMVCD): Will be Training seasonals on March 3.
- g) Riverside Co.: Filling positions, will start surveying in the spring.
- h) San Bernardino Co.: No new RIFA detections.
- i) Phone Bank: Gave overview of caller questions and instructions/referrals, wanted more specifics on treatment and surveying.
- j) DPR-EM/PM: Handed out September and October 1999 memos. Gave overview of monitoring.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2000.

Field Monitoring

Date: February 23

Roger Sava and Dave Kim collected monthly samples at the following sites:

1. Bolsa Chica Channel at Westminster Ave.
2. East Garden Grove Channel at Gothard
3. Arroyo Trabuco at Oso Parkway (O'Neill Park)
4. San Juan Creek at Stonehill Dr.

Date: February 24

Dave Kim return to Sacramento, deliver 2/23 Tox samples to ATL.

Roger Sava and Johanna Walters collected monthly samples at the following sites:

1. Bonita Creek at San Diego Creek
2. San Diego Creek at Campus Dr.
3. Hines Channel (Hines' & El Modeno's Drain)
4. El Modeno Drain (Drain at Portola Pkwy. and Bee Canyon access road)
5. West Cliff Park
6. Marshburn Slough (Bordier's Drain)

Eight liters were collected as grab samples at each of the above sites. Samples were split (Geotech® 10 port splitter) on site, water quality measurements were taken at each site.

Roger Sava and Johanna Walters drove to Sacramento with samples.

February 25, Samples delivered to CDFA lab and ATL.

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