

RIFA Environmental Monitoring Field Notes
Environmental Hazards Assessment Program
Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation
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Trip Date: December 8, 1999

CDFA and CAC RIFA project meeting attendees:

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CDFA-Pest Exclusion

Heather Davidson, CDFA-Public Affairs

John Kabashima, UC Cooperative Extension

John Ellis and Nick Nisson, Orange CAC staff

Dennis Vinopal, LA CAC staff

Hugo Soto and Steve Durso, Riverside CAC staff

Larry Shaw and Dick Meyer, Orange Co. Vector Control

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Dave Kim, DPR-EM/PM

Meeting Highlights:

- a) Pest Exclusion Costa Mesa: Performing outreach to industry groups, PAPA, Target etc. Trying to get Compliance Agreements translated into different languages. Surveys starting to stack up due to lack of money. Compliance monitoring (soil sampling) - Four of 16 nurseries tested had negative pesticide detections, two were in stock from outside quarantine area (pesticide treatment not required), the other two had some samples test negative. These nurseries were visited to check/ensure proper mixing and drenching methods. Overall, it appears that nurseries are in compliance.
- b) Pest Exclusion Palm Desert: Seven residences found with RIFA outside of quarantine area. Performing quarterly surveys. Sending letters to golf courses and associations. To start TV public announcements. Will start approving green waste recyclers.
- c) LA Co.: Richard has been promoted but will still be working on RIFA thru spring. Second Amdro Pro treatment in Arcadia. One new RIFA find in La Mirada Regional Park (just west of La Mirada GC infestation), 58,000 ft² treated with Amdro Pro.
- d) Riverside Co.: Completed treatments in Moreno Valley. Completed surveys in Temecula and Riverside, no new finds.
- e) Orange Co.: Supervisors designated CAC as lead agency for OC funds, will subcontract to OC Vector Control. Contracts should be in place by Feb. 2000.
- f) UC: Greenberg performing bait testing. Ant colony trailer is ready and starting to raise colonies.
- g) DPR-EM/PM: Still waiting for seasons first rain for rain runoff monitoring. Did not perform monthly monitoring in November in anticipation of rain runoff event. Will perform December monthly monitoring on 12/9.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2000.

December 9, 1999

Roger Sava, Johanna Walters, Valerie Walsh and Dave Kim

Collected Samples at the following Sites:

1. Bolsa Chica Channel at Westminster Ave.
2. East Garden Grove Channel at Gothard
3. Bonita Creek at San Diego Creek
4. San Diego Creek at Campus Dr.
5. Central Irvine Channel (Hines' & El Modeno's Drain)
6. El Modeno Drain (Drain at Portola Pkwy. and Bee Canyon access road)
7. Arroyo Trabuco at Oso Parkway (O'Neill Park)
8. San Juan Creek at Stonehill Dr.
9. West Cliff Park

8 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 except West Cliff Park. The West Cliff Park site did not have sufficient depth to perform a DO measurement. The Marshburn Slough at Irvine Blvd was not sampled due to lack of water. The weather was clear and sunny.

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