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AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Monday, 3 May 2010
9:30-11:30
CALEPA Building
First Floor Training Room

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: (7) Ronald Berg- Pest Control Dealers, Richard Stoltz- Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Linda LaVanne- Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Wayne Steele-Registrants, Mary Louise Flint-UCIPM, Francisca Johnson General Public Member, and Glenn Foth – alternate for Commercial applicators.

Department Staff: (5) David Duncan- Chair of Committee (Ch), Margie Read, Laurie Brajkovich, Cynthia Ray, and Rayven Jenkins

Guests: (3) Terry Gage- California Agricultural Aircraft Association (CAAA), Joyce Basan- The California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA), and Matt Scally- Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business

Members Absent: (4) Scott Hudson- County Agricultural Commissioner Association, and Jim Farrar-California State University System, Ken Nichols- Pest Control Businesses, and Kenneth Oneto- FAC section 56115

Member Vacancies: (1) Board of Governors of the California Community College system

I. Introduction and Administrative Topics

A. Minutes from February Meeting: The 17 February 2010 meeting minutes were discussed. Dick Stoltz referenced a section of the minutes from a presentation given by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) that stated that Irrigated Lands Agricultural Coalitions have said that spray drift is the number one reason for the exceedances because of water body proximity while aerial spraying occurs. There was a question put forward to determine if that information was correct, and how it was determined. Margie clarified that the statement being made by Chris Jimmerson of CVRWQCB), was only what some members of Coalitions have suggested.

Mary Louise Flint thought that, in the future, the APCAC meeting schedule should be emailed to committee members, as well as being available on the website. Cindy said that she would email the committee members the schedule, and David said that the schedule could be reposted if necessary.

B. New General Public Member: David introduced the new General Public Member, Francisca Johnson, who is Vice President of MLJ-LLC in Davis. Dr. Francisca Johnson started her career in the agricultural chemical industry performing research on cross-resistance of agricultural pests to pesticides. She then took the research experience to the field as a technical representative and then as a senior accounts supervisor. In these positions she developed relationships with University researchers, distributors, dealers and pest control advisors. Over the last several years Dr. Johnson has been the GIS specialist for MLJ-LLC assisting clients with compliance and research projects. Dr. Johnson works closely with various state and local agencies to obtain and manipulate spatial data and interpret those data for clients. She is replacing Jean La Duc, who has retired.

C. Alternate Committee Members: David introduced Glen Foth, who is representing Commercial applicators, and is the first alternate to attend the APCAC meeting. During the last

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meeting, Committee members were encouraged to draft alternates who could serve at the meeting in their stead if needed. If committee members have not chosen alternates at this time, David asked that they do so.

Linda LaVanne proposed two names as alternate representatives. She hopes that Jon Horizon may be the alternate for Ronald Berg- Pest Control Dealers, and Andrew Lawson may be the alternate for Jim Farrar-California State University System. David reminded the group that the nomination would need to come in a written form from the represented community. With that written recommendation, DPR would be able to proceed with obtaining the DPR Director's approval.

D. Mailroom: Judy Letterman began a discussion at the November meeting about mailroom function and the accounting process regarding CE sponsorship and how to get the CE sponsor submissions to the CE desk in a timely manner. David asked the group to recognize that DPR does not have control of the CALEPA mailroom. Based on last meeting's discussions, Linda LaVanne moved to approve the following recommendation with the addition of the last line:

“The Agricultural Pest Control Advisory Committee recommends that the DPR Director look into how it can streamline its processes for receiving Continuing Education (CE) submissions, including potential slowdowns in the CalEPA mailroom. The current mail delivery and payment processes are not satisfactory. This information should be brought back to the APCAC for consideration ”.

David requested that the committee make a motion to check into the mailroom procedures. Glenn Foth made the motion and it was seconded. The committee passed the motion.

II. Licensing Updates

A. Web site/on-line renewals: DPR is on track for the development of the on-line renewals for individual applicators and businesses. At some point, this will be expanded to include allowing CE Sponsors the ability to submit CE accreditation requests. Although, at this time, it has not been determined if the on-line renewal program will be viable for the 2010 renewal period, the process is now being addressed with DPR's contractor, Eskel Porter. A paper process will remain available for those who do not want to renew or apply for accreditation on line.

B. Status – flat card printer: Margie Read reminded the Committee that the Licensing and Certification unit will be changing from embossed cards for license and certificate holders to a 'flat card' system. There are quite a few flat card printing advantages with respect to cost and design. Margie Read reported that the 'flat card' machinery has been ordered and should arrive soon. If everything goes well the cards will be available for use in the Fall during the next renewal period.

III. UC IPM update

A. Category (Q) exam: UC IPM has developed tools to help prepare for the DPR Maintenance Gardener (MG) category (Q) exam. The category Q certificate authorizes the use of non-restricted use pesticides in the work as a maintenance gardener.

The MG study material, 'Lawn and Residential Landscape Pest Control', is now available in Spanish as well as English. The applicant is able to download the Workbook and online training prep-courses for the MG exam are free. UC IPM will make a PowerPoint presentation available to The County Agricultural Commissioners.

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B. PCA study material: UC IPM is reviewing the PCA study material. A practice book and the knowledge expectations had been sent out for review, and UC IPM has already received the reviewed material. There were not a great amount of changes to the knowledge expectations.

All of the PCA-categories will be reviewed. PCAs and university experts will be participating in the process, and UC IPM would like DPR to also participate and be involved in review. David Duncan thanked UCD for the detailed review undertaking.

C. Other UC IPM activities: Developing new forest and right-of-away study material.

IV. Maintenance Gardener Pilot Project

Funding for this project is provided by the US EPA discretionary fund. Hopefully DPR will be able to co-ordinate with EPA and continue to receive funding for the project.

DPR worked with UC IPM to make the study guide information more comprehensible by developing study guides, workbooks, free online training courses, and workshops for the Maintenance Gardener pilot program, which was then implemented in San Luis Obispo County and completed on March 27, 2010. Eight workshops were offered, sometimes with back-to-back sessions in the morning and the afternoon. Attendance was strong and there was a high exam pass rate. 95% of the applicants that took the exam in English passed, and 85% of the applicants that took the exam in Spanish passed.

There have been a lot of positive responses to the workshops, and SLO has a waiting list of applicants who want to attend further workshops. Stanislaus County Agricultural commissioner has also shown an interest in providing the workshops.

V. Performance Indicator Sub-Committee Update & APCAC Recommendation

Dick Stoltz presented the draft recommendations for approval of online continuing education which had been developed by the Performance Indicator Subcommittee. Some revisions were discussed, and the final recommendation was as follows:

- A. If the Online Course is similar to a Correspondence course, then all of the list below should be required (also applicable to actual correspondence courses):
 - a. Clearly state course objective prior to enrollment
 - b. Include an examination at the end to evaluate that the course objective has been met
 - c. Require registration with use of specific identification (license number?) to validate attendance
 - d. Use a word count (including exam) to evaluate hours to be approved
 - e. Word count for text should be: 200 wpm, word count for exams should be: 1 minute per question
 - f. Limit the number of quiz/exam questions to no more than 20 questions per hour requested.
 - g. At time of CE application submittal, include a print-out of the full course to DPR for word count review
 - h. Require a 'shuffle' feature so that the order of questions/answers varies each time the final exam is taken
 - i. Must retain/provide records of date course was completed.
 - j. Course credit may not be given for an exam score of <70% correct
 - k. Reapplication for DPR approval must take place every calendar year

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- B. If the Online Course is interactive or narrated, then all of the list below should be required:
- a. Clearly state course objective prior to enrollment
 - b. Require registration with use of specific identification (license number?) to validate attendance
 - c. Require quizzes be taken and correct answers provided throughout the course before student can move forward and/or restrict their ability to fast forward through screens.
 - d. Require a 'shuffle' feature so that the order of questions and/or answers varies each time the final exam is taken.
 - e. Include an examination at the end to evaluate that the objective has been met
 - f. Require sponsor to describe in the application how the number of hours requested was determined.
 - g. Course credit may not be given for an exam score of <70% correct
 - h. Reapplication for DPR approval must take place every calendar year
 - i. Limit the time for the course used in exam questions to 30% of requested time.
- C. Limit the number of online hours that can be utilized

Individuals shall utilize on-line continuing education for no more than 50% of the CE that is required for their individual license type.

Mary Louise Flint motioned that the committee vote to recommend that DPR implement the requirements as revised. Linda Lavanne seconded the motion. The committee passed the motion.

VI. CE 101

Laurie Brajkovich talked about the past and upcoming CE 101 workshops. DPR is putting on three CE 101 workshops that will discuss the CE Program requirements, application process, answer questions, and give a program update. The first workshop was held in Fresno on April 28. The presentation was very interactive and people were very engaged. A great cross-section of people attended. Glen Foth said that a PAPA member remarked that it is a very positive program and provided a good personal connection with DPR CE Program Staff. Margie Read, who gave the Fresno presentation, also received very good responses regarding the workshops.

About two-thirds of the CE 101 workshop attendees have been sponsors before, and others were prospective sponsors. The workshop included a PowerPoint presentation, which has already been modified based on comments from the first workshop. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted to DPR's Web site. DPR will hold two more workshops. They are scheduled for June 17th in Sacramento and June 24th in Arcadia.

VIII. Next agenda – date and topics

Next meeting date: August 18, 2010

Possible topics may include:

- a) Mailroom update.
- b) Update on use of discretionary funding from USEPA.
- c) Subcommittee updates

Public comment on any agenda item is welcome. Questions about this agenda should be directed to David Duncan at (916) 445-3870 or dduncan@cdpr.ca.gov.