



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING REPORT

August 19, 2011

9:30-12:30

CalEPA Building

First Floor Training Room

Members Present: (12) Ronald Berg - Pest Control Dealers, Michael Erisey - Agricultural Pest Control Advisers Alternate, Mary Louise Flint-UCIPM, and Glen Foth – Commercial Applicator Certificate Holders, Phil Mullins–Pest Control Businesses Alternate, James Farrar -California State University System, Wayne J. Steele – Registrants, Francisca Johnson General Public Member, Timothy Smith - Board of Governors of the California Community College System, Dick Stoltz - Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Matt Scally- Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners, and Scott Hudson- County Agricultural Commissioner Association

Department Staff: (7) David Duncan- Chair of Committee (Ch), Chuck Andrews-Associate Director, Margie Read, Cynthia Ray, Nita Davidson, Laurie Brajkovich, and Rayven Jenkins

Guests: (9) Terry Gage- Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Joyce Basan- The California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA), Joyce Strand-UC IPM, Lisa Blecker- UC IPM, Judy Letterman – (PAPA), Lisa Blecker-UC IPM, Dave Lawson-Lawson and Associates, and Renee Pinel- Western Plant Health Association, Jack Gualco-The Gualco group, Inc., and Bill Gillespie-Resource Endeavors

Members Absent: (3) Linda La Vanne - Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Ken Nichols- Pest Control Businesses, and Kenneth Oneto- Producer

I. Introduction and Administrative Topics - David Duncan, Committee Chair
Minutes from the May Meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

II. Announcements – Chuck Andrews, Associate Director

A. Amendments to 3 CCR sections 6512 and 6513.

The Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR) fully recognizes that making on-line renewals available to licensees would provide an easier and more efficient renewal process, the project has necessarily been put on hold at this time. The proposed amendments would have required that CE sponsors electronically submit to DPR their attendance records in order to facilitate online renewal. During the proposed regulations comment period, there were a sufficient number of comments that indicated the process of reporting to DPR would be too burdensome. Thus, DPR has taken a step back in order to revisit other approaches for obtaining CE records and other alternatives for online services that might help our licensees and certificate holders. DPR is looking forward to working with the stakeholders on this project.

An announcement will be going out soon retracting the online CE records proposal. DPR remains committed to offering the availability of other online services to licensees, such as online exam applications and online testing, and will work towards providing these types of services as soon as feasibly possible. In the interim, the new web-based version of the Hansen licensing database system is currently available and preparations are being made for installation. Once the upgrade is in place, and the data is properly transferred, other online services can be considered. The upgrade is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete.



B. Amendments to 3CCR sections 6000, 6970 and 6972

DPR is currently formulating regulations to address pesticide water quality issues. DPR has been working with stakeholders since 2009 to develop a regulation package. The original draft regulations addressed about 70 pesticides in both the agricultural and non-agricultural uses. After stakeholder discussions, the focus was shifted to a more targeted group of pesticides.

DPR is developing a regulation package to restrict pyrethroid products used outdoors in residential, industrial and institutional settings. In the agricultural setting, DPR is currently evaluating data and may focus on problems relating to diazinon and chlorpyrifos.

III. Licensing Update – Cynthia Ray, Licensing Program Supervisor

A. Renewal packets

All of the Individual renewal packets have been mailed, allowing qualified persons sufficient time to renew before the business packets are mailed. The licensees have been asked to submit their renewal applications by November 18 for timely completion. A notice has been included in the individual renewal packets advising licensees that, this year, they will need to provide documentation of CE hours obtained. This documentation can be in the form of verification and/or certificates provided by the sponsor as well as official records from professional organizations.

B. Examinations (2011 and plans for 2012)

Because travel restrictions have been reduced, DPR was able to schedule an October exam to be held in Arcadia this year. The 2012 schedule is under development and, when completed, will be posted on the DPR website.

C. CE credits policy update - Margie Read, Environmental Program Manager

A clarification was made regarding a licensee's ability to take continuing education during the period of time before his/her license is renewed. A license/certificate holder has one year grace period to renew his/her license. The license or certificate holder cannot work under his/her license until it is renewed, but, they are entitled to take any CE classes before they complete the renewal. Those CE credits taken during the grace period will only be acceptable for the next renewal season, and not the one that is submitted late.

IV. PSEP Workshops -Joyce Strand, UC Davis IPM; Lisa Blecker, UC Davis IPM

UC IPM and DPR have partnered to determine need for providing Train-the-Trainer sessions for prospective trainers of pesticide handlers and field workers. Persons successfully completing the sessions would be qualified to train pesticide handlers and field workers employed on agricultural establishments where pesticides are used for producing agricultural commodities for commercial or research purposes. UC IPM contacted county agricultural commissioners and UC extension farm advisors to help determine prospective training locations for the English and Spanish language workshops. From the nineteen counties that conveyed a need for training in their areas, seven county locations were chosen to conduct eight train-the-trainer workshops.

These are being held in Colusa, Fresno, Napa, Merced, Stockton, Riverside, and Salinas. Six workshops were presented in English and two were presented in Spanish, with each workshop divided into four hours to cover laws and regulations and field worker training, with an additional four hours devoted to pesticide handler training. Participants included farm labor contractors, growers, certified private and commercial applicators, and insurance providers, and county agricultural commissioner staff. UCIPM contracted with Lupe Sandoval, Sandoval Bilingual Safety Solutions, as the workshop instructor.

V. UC IPM update - Mary Louise Flint, UC Davis IPM

A. Announcement of New UCIPM staff

Lisa Blecker is the new Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator with UC IPM and is under contract for three years. Lisa's duties will be to develop Train-the-Trainer programs for field workers and pesticide handlers, and obtain DPR approval for these workshops. Once the Train-the-Trainer program is well-established, the Pesticide Safety program will grow and expand in other ways, depending on the needs of pesticide workers in California. Prior to coming to the University of California, Lisa was with the University of Idaho for 5 years in the Idaho Pest Management Center, and was also involved in teaching pesticide safety and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to Spanish-speaking field workers. She also worked at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) in the IPM Program, and as a contract employee for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Research Foundation (NASDARF), where she co-authored the National Soil Fumigation Manual.

Shannah Whithaus is the new Pesticide Writer/Editor with UC IPM. She is currently working on the production process for the Plant Agriculture exam, the 2001 Laws and Regulations exam, and the Private Applicator Certificate exam.

VI. IPM Advocates Alliance Grant for Retail Stores - Mary Louise Flint, UC Davis IPM; Nita Davidson, DPR

An IPM Advocates Alliance Grant (Grant) awarded to San Francisco Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) from DPR has provided funding to develop a corps of professionals with IPM expertise (IPM Advocates) who can help retail nurseries and garden centers promote less toxic alternatives for managing home and garden pests. The Grant brings together BASMAA's Our Water Our World (OWOW) program, UC IPM, and other key groups. The project has completed classroom training for ten IPM Advocates who have now been paired with stores in a 9-month mentoring programs under the direction of Annie Joseph. After completing the mentoring program, the IPM Advocates will seek opportunities as consultants helping retailers deliver IPM information to their customers. During the next two years, UC IPM will be working closely with retailers and their employees to better inform shoppers about IPM options by putting together a pesticide information newsletter and providing training materials, including online training and resources.

Previously as part of other projects, UC IPM surveyed retail garden centers and nurseries to

assess their information and training needs. A shelf survey in 2003 of 14 stores showed a total of 542 products contained 112 active ingredients. Consumers rely on the retail store staff, and often cannot make informed decisions with so many products to choose from. Stores surveyed in 2010 also expressed a strong interest in newsletters and handouts that could be personalized with their store logo and that can offer advice about IPM. UC IPM has also developed a web site (www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/retail) and an IPM newsletter for retailers as well as online training programs specifically for store employees.

The Our Water, Our World (OWOW) program was designed to raise awareness about the connection between pesticide use and water quality, and provide information to consumers at the point of purchase about integrated pest management (IPM) that avoid water quality problems. It began in 1997 by the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District in cooperation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and grant support from DPR and U.S. EPA. Its mission is to train employees about less-toxic products, including traps and tools. To assist in training of retailers, OWOW conducts many activities, including educating retail store managers and employees, holding in-store tabling events for consumers highlighting less-toxic products.

VII. Performance Indicator (PI) subcommittee update - Richard Stoltz, CAAA

The June 9, 2011 subcommittee met to review proposed recommendations for accrediting correspondence courses. Attending were Mary Louise Flint, Richard Stoltz, Bill Gillespie, Margie Read, and Laurie Brajkovich. Discussion included the following:

- Test questions must relate to the content of the course.
- Time limitations for correspondence
- Word count to determine length of time for course
- Courses should not be copied from other sources without permissions.
- Exams should be provided with versions that can be rotated

The subcommittee is still in the process of formulating recommendations for the correspondence courses.

VIII. Next agenda – date and topics

Next meeting date: Thursday, November 17, 2011

Possible topics may include:

- UC IPM update
- Performance Indicator subcommittee status report
- Nonfumigant VOCs
- On line course attendance statistics
- New county permit system

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.