



AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2015

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

CalePA Building, Training Room East and West, First Floor

Members Present (10): Ronald Berg-Pesticide Dealers, Lisa Blecker-University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, John Bushoven –Board of Trustees of the California University System, Glen Foth- Commercial Applicator Certificate Holders, Jeanette Heinrichs- General Public , Juli Jensen-California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Linda La Vanne- Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Phil Mullins- Agricultural Pest Control Businesses, Tim Smith- Board of Governors of the California Community College System, and Ken Oneto- Producers

Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (14): Nan Gorder- Chair of Committee, Laurie Brajkovich, Lisa Estridge , Sidney Hilton, Ken King, Cynthia Ray, Heather Allen, Rayven Jenkins,

Guests (6): Terry Gage-California Agricultural Aircraft Association (CAAA), John Erisey (alternate member)- Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Joyce Basan, Shannon Douglas- California Association of Pest Control Advisers (CAPCA), Judy Letterman-Pesticide Applications Professional Association (PAPA), John Wright – General Farming

Members Absent (3): Wayne Steele- Registrants, Dick Stoltz- Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Mathew Scally- Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners

Introductions and Administrative Topics — Nan Gorder, Pest Management & Licensing Branch Chief, DPR

A. Review and approval of March 11, 2015 meeting minutes
The minutes from the September 11, 2014 APCAC meeting were approved as written.

B. Introductions
Laurie Brajkovich is the new Environmental Program Manager I for the Licensing and Certification Branch. Laurie has 15 years of professional experience with 10 years in the private sector consulting environmental issues and six years with DPR working with both the Licensing and School IPM Programs.

II. Licensing Update — Cynthia Ray, Licensing Program Supervisor, DPR

Update about the renewal notification postcard:

- Postcard will be sent out mid-August; renewal packets will be sent out mid-September
- The purpose of the postcard is to emphasize licensees submitting their renewal packets by November 19.



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Issues about the renewal process were discussed, including licensees already submitting their renewals and DPR must issue a refund. Renewal application will not be accepted until mid-September.

Cynthia Ray and Sidney Hilton have been meeting with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and others to establish general course codes for students to meet the minimum qualifications for the Pest Control Adviser (PCA) examination. John Bushoven will try to get a similar meeting together for the California State University system. From June 2014 – June 2015, DPR received and approved 234 PCA applications and denied 23 PCA applications.

III. DPR Updates – Laurie Brajkovich, Licensing & Certification Program Manager, DPR

Laurie Brajkovich provided an update regarding the new regulations that go into effect starting July 1, 2015. There will be changes in the personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements including additional hand and eye protection as well as clarification of the changes in order to match national requirements and standards. Chlorpyrifos will now be a restricted material when used in products for production agriculture. Pest Control Dealers and Pest Control Businesses doing work in category D – plant agriculture, received a letter from DPR stating that, applicators must have a restricted materials permit and a recommendation from a PCA (or a work order from a grower) to purchase chlorpyrifos products.

IV. UC IPM Update—Lisa Blecker, UC IPM

A. Positions

- a. UC IPM Statewide Director's last day is June 30, 2015. Starting July 1, 2015, he will become the full-time rice and weed faculty member.
- b. UC IPM is looking for a Statewide Director dedicated to the IPM program. The announcement recently closed.
- c. UC IPM is also looking for a Vice President of Agricultural and Natural Resources. The current Vice President, Barbara Diaz is retiring soon.
- d. UC IPM is also looking for communications staff. One position is available for a content supervisor that will work with writing and updating the pest management guidelines. Two programmer positions are open as well. One position is available for Spray Technology.
- e. UC IPM hired a UC IPM Adviser for the Urban IPM program in southern California who will focus on entomology after finishing a Ph.D at the University of Florida. A new Adviser for Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin counties was also hired to focus on tree nuts.

B. UC Updates

- a. The IPM strategic plan is mostly finalized. The program council at UC ANR has approved the strategic plan and it is just waiting for a signature from the new director.





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C. IPM Program

- a. UC IPM has updated the pesticide information on 16 crops with special emphasis on updating the treatment tables to reflect the laws and regulations. The Safe and Effective Use study guide knowledge expectations have been updated.

V. **Healthy Schools Act Update—Lisa Estridge, School IPM Program , DPR**

Lisa Estridge provided an update regarding the three new amendments to the Healthy Schools Act. K-12 public schools and public and private child care centers are required to develop a school IPM plan, report pesticide use to DPR, and receive annual IPM training. The IPM plan and reporting requirements went into effect on January 1, 2015; however the training requirement will go into effect July 1, 2016.

VI. **Agricultural Use of Pesticides Near School Sites—John Sanders, DPR**

John Sanders provided an update regarding the workshop on concepts to address agricultural pesticide use near school sites. These workshops address how to increase communication through notification to schools and reduce risk of exposure by adding restrictions on certain pesticides, application methods and buffer zones. Public workshops and informal comment occur May 28, 2015 – July 31, 2015 with DPR proposing regulations for formal comment likely in December 2015.

VII. **Ground Water Protection Program Update—John Troiano, DPR**

John Troiano reviewed the history of the current ground water regulations and active ingredients (AIs) that are designated as known ground water contaminants. DPR has been monitoring domestic drinking water wells within Fresno and Tulare counties to measure the effectiveness of the ground water regulations. In general, decreased concentration in well water has been observed for regulated AIs in leaching and runoff designated Ground Water Protection Areas. Future educational efforts will focus on expanding management practices to protect ground water. Application of pesticides through chemigation systems was discussed as another source of groundwater contamination due to backflow of the chemical following an unexpected shutdown of the chemigation system. Although setup of chemigation systems and prevention measures are outlined on pesticide labels, alternative devices that are not specified on the labels are allowed. See DPR's website for further clarification: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/grndwtr/chem/chemdevices.htm>

VIII. **Next Agenda - Date and Topics—Nan Gorder, Pest Management & Licensing Branch Chief, DPR**

Date of next meeting: September 10, 2015

Time: 10:00-12:00

Location: Training Room East and West, First Floor

Possible topics may include:

- Pesticides Near Schools Workshop Update
- CDFG Pollinator Protection Workshop Development Updates

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