I. Introductions and Administrative Topics — Laurie Brajkovich, Environmental Program Manager
   A. Housekeeping

   B. Introductions
      • Linda LaVanne is stepping down from the Agricultural Pest Control Adviser seat on the APCAC committee. The current alternate, John Erisey, will be placed into


Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (5): Joseph Damiano—Pest Management and Licensing Branch Chief, Laurie Brajkovich—Program Manager, Cynthia Ray—Licensing Supervisor, Leslie Crowl—Licensing Supervisor, and Amanda Amoruso—Environmental Scientist


Members Absent (5): John Bushoven—Board of Trustees of the California University System, Jeanette Heinrichs—General Public, Matt Scally—Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners, Wayne Steel—Pesticide Registrants, and (Vacant)—Agricultural Pest Control Advisers
II. DPR Update — Joe Damiano, Pest Management and Licensing (PML) Branch Chief, DPR

- Nonfumigant Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) pesticide use limitations will remain in effect for 2017 based on 2015 VOC emission data. Draft report can be found online: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/vocs/vocproj/voc_data_analysis.htm
  - Sales restrictions apply to:
    - High-VOC products containing abamectin, chlorpyrifos, gibberellins, or oxyfluorfen
    - Applied in the San Joaquin Valley.
  - Use restrictions apply to:
    - High-VOC products containing abamectin, chlorpyrifos, gibberellins, or oxyfluorfen
    - Applied in the San Joaquin Valley
    - Between May 1 and October 31
    - To alfalfa, almonds, citrus, cotton, grapes, pistachios, or walnuts.

- DPR will likely make revisions to the proposed Agricultural Pesticide Use Around Schools regulations, and release for a second comment period in late March or early April. The California Senate Environmental Quality Committee held an oversight hearing for the regulation on March 1. Jeff Rasmussen, Kern Pest Control Adviser (PCA), testified. A video of the hearing is available on the CA Senate website, Media Archive link.

- Rulemaking calendar is available at: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rule_calendar_2017.pdf. You can find a copy in your folder. You can also sign up on our listserv to receive updates about rulemaking activities.

- As a reminder, new Worker Safety regulations for field workers and handlers involved in the production of agricultural commodities became effective January 1, 2017 (in response to the Federal Worker Protection Standard revision). DPR has a dedicated web page with information about this topic and additional resources to help individuals comply with the new requirements: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/whs_regulations.htm.
III. Licensing Update—Cynthia Ray, DPR PML Branch

Last year’s license and certificate renewal packets were mailed out earlier than previous years. In August 2016, DPR mailed 12,566 individual renewal packets and 2,313 business renewal packets. The turnaround time for approval of license and certificate holders who submitted their applications early was about 4 weeks, and as quickly as 2.5 weeks. Those who did not submit until after October had a turnaround approval time of up to 7 weeks.

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Common problems that cause licensees to not get renewed by January 1 include: not enough continuing education (CE) hours, late renewal, and taking structural courses that are not approved for CE by DPR. DPR sent out 968 individual problem letters plus about 200 business problem letters. There were about 100 licensees who were lacking CE hours by December 31, 2016 and will have to retake exams. DPR does not give extensions on completing CE, so licensees must have all CE hours completed by December 31. This year DPR will send out renewal packets in August like last year. Licensees are instructed to submit by November 1, 2017 to receive their renewed license before January 1, 2018.

IV. UC IPM Update — Lisa Blecker, UC IPM

- Staff updates
  - UC continues to hire production staff to approve content for their website. There are two positions that have recently been filled.
  - UC ANR Vice President, Glenda Humiston, announced 26 new academic positions available for Area Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advisors in counties and some CE specialists at campus or research facilities. Jobs that are currently posted are for an Area IPM Advisor for Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino counties; a UC Davis Pathology Specialist in vines, berries, and fruit trees; and an Area IPM Advisor for agronomy and weed management.
- Publication out of the UC Office of the President
o The publication valued the dissemination of UC IPM information in California with a few case studies quantifying the value of the UC IPM program. The findings showed a benefit of $323-500 million annually from the UC IPM in California, with $57 million annually from website use. The UC IPM program’s contribution to the PCA industry was valued at $34 million annually.
  
  
  o Pest management guidelines have been updated for grape, alfalfa, turfgrass, citrus, and walnut. Specific changes can be viewed at [http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/pmgchanges.html](http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/pmgchanges.html).
  
  o Online Courses
    o Updated the School and Childcare course for CE in August to satisfy the Healthy Schools Act training requirement.
    o There are 8 online courses available for CE credit.
    o 60% of people complete courses between the months of October and December. 95% of people complete the Laws and Regulations courses between October and December. 35% of people complete courses in December alone.
  
  o Pesticide Safety Program
    o UC IPM is working with DPR’s Pest Management and Licensing Branch and Worker Health and Safety Branch to hold 24 Train-the-Trainer programs. These courses train individuals who will then train fieldworkers and handlers. Because of the abundant number of courses, AgSafe is hosting some of these courses. Each training class is limited to 25-30 people. Trainings will go until April 2018.
  
  o Agricultural Statewide IPM Program
    o Advisors have been hosting IPM breakfast meetings for growers, PCA’s, and consultants to discuss current pest management issues.
    o David Haviland has been working on the Pest Management Alliance Grant for almonds and pistachios.
  
  o UC IPM has updated the online Pest Notes for urban pest management professionals.
  
  o UC IPM has formed an Urban IPM Professionals Project geared toward structural applicators. The project is to tasked with interviewing urban pest management professionals to learn how UC IPM can work better with this audience and how to better meet their CE needs—whether it be more CE courses, different CE courses, more online courses, or offer pre-license information or training.

V. US EPA Revised Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training Regulations — Leslie Crowl, DPR PML Branch

Leslie discussed how the U.S. EPA revisions to the certification and training rule will impact private and commercial applicators in the state of California.
VI. **School Sites Pesticide Use Reporting — Eric Denemark, DPR PML Branch**
Eric presented statistics on pesticide use at school sites and how using alternative techniques would help decrease the chance of pesticide exposure.

VII. **2018 Training Topics for Pesticide Handlers and Fieldworkers Under the Revised Worker Protection Standard — Emily Bryson, DPR WHS Branch**
Emily covered the U.S. EPA Worker Protection Standard update and how it affects worker and handler training content. The update will not be implemented until January 2018; however, it would be beneficial to adopt the new training protocol this year.

VIII. **Next Agenda – Date and Topics — Laurie Brajkovich, DPR PML Branch**
Date of next meeting: June 14, 2017
Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm
Location: Training Room East and West, First Floor
Possible topics may include:
- Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training Regulations
- Agricultural Use of Pesticides around School Sites Regulations

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