



AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

December 13, 2017

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CalEPA Building, Training Room East and West, First Floor

Members Present (10): Ronald Berg–Pesticide Dealers, Lisa Blecker–University of California, Margaret Ellis (Alternate)–Board of Trustees of the California University System, Glen Foth–Commercial Applicator Certificate Holders, Jeanette Heinrichs–General Public, Michael Huffman (Alternate)–Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Juli Jensen–California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Chris Jones (Alternate)–Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Matt Scally–Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners, and Wayne Steel–Pesticide Registrants

Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (6): Joseph Damiano–Pest Management and Licensing Branch Chief, Laurie Brajkovich–Program Manager, Leslie Talpasanu–Licensing Supervisor, Erin Shibata–Licensing Supervisor, Amanda Amoruso–Environmental Scientist, and Rebecca Olson – Analyst

Guests (8): Adam Barsanti, Joyce Basan –California Association of Pest Control Advisers, Jesse Cuevas–DPR, Nathan Desjarlais–DPR, Randy Sagawa–DPR, Terry Gage–California Agricultural Aircraft Association, Peter Goodell–UC IPM Emeritus, and Dave Lawson–Western Plant Health Association

Members Absent (6): John Bushoven –Board of Trustees of the California University System, John Erisey–Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Dan Gudgel–Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Phil Mullins–Agricultural Pest Control Businesses, Kenneth Oneto–Producers, and Timothy Smith–Board of Governors of the California Community College System

I. Administrative Topics — Laurie Brajkovich, Environmental Program Manager, DPR-PML

A. Housekeeping

B. Introductions

- Erin Shibata is the new supervisor for the Licensing and Certification Program in the Pest Management and Licensing Branch.
- George Farnsworth retired from the Department as the Assistant Director of the Pesticide Programs Division. Jesse Cuevas is the new Assistant Director.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes from September 13, 2017. Minutes approved.





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II. DPR Update — Joe Damiano, Pest Management and Licensing (PML) Branch Chief, DPR

DPR created a new cannabis program which will include the following:

- A cannabis electronic mailing list (listserv) for persons interested in being updated on new cannabis policies, documents, workshops, etc.
- Lists of pesticides that can be used on cannabis and cannot be used on cannabis.
- Eight new cannabis related positions are open within DPR. The Industrial Hygienist position has been filled.
- A cannabis consumption survey for federal tolerances. This document is currently being drafted and is not yet available.

III. Agricultural Pesticide Use Around Schoolsites Regulations — Randy Segawa, DPR

Randy gave an update on the new regulatory changes for pesticides used around schools and daycare facilities. The two main points include application restrictions near schoolsites and notifying the school or daycare and County Agricultural Commissioner of all production agriculture applications. Growers must submit an annual notice by April 30 that includes any pesticides that may be used within the restricted application area of a school or daycare. The application restrictions under this regulation will go into effect January 1, 2018.

IV. Licensing Update — Erin Shibata, DPR-PML

- Individual and business license renewal statistics
 - DPR mailed 11,034 renewal packets to individual license holders. As of December 2017, 6,794 (61%) have been returned to DPR and 6,059 (54%) have been renewed of the total mailed out.

Percentage of Individual Licenses Renewed in 2017

(Last names beginning with the letter M-Z)

License Type	Renewed
Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC)	46%
Qualified Applicator License (QAL)	48%
Apprentice Aircraft Pilot Certificate (APC)	31%
Journeyman Aircraft Pilot Certificate (JPC)	63%
Dealer Designated Agent (DDA) License	56%
Agricultural Pest Control Adviser (PCA) License	50%

As of December 2017

- DPR mailed 1,884 renewal packets to business license holders. As of December 2017, 1,231 (65%) have been returned to DPR and 825 (43%) have been renewed of the total mailed out.
- Licensing renewal outreach
 - Two listservs were sent out on October 25 and December 11 reminding individuals and businesses to submit their renewal packets as soon as possible.





- DPR reached out to professional associations and large continuing education (CE) sponsors with renewal information to help DPR advertise renewal dates to their clients and stakeholders via newsletters, email blasts, meetings, etc.
- Licensing staff conducted presentations on renewal and licensing information at large CE courses, such as Pesticide Applicators Professional Association (PAPA), and at local County Agricultural Commissioner offices.
- DPR has worked with California Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers Association (CACASA) to add messages about renewal information on the CalAg Permit web sites.
- Number of new licenses and certificates awarded to individuals who passed exams in 2017:
 - QAC: 744
 - QAL: 888
 - APC: 40
 - JPC: 10
 - DDA: 57
 - PCA: 238Total: 1,977 new license/certificate holders in 2017
- PCA minimum education requirement courses:
 - Several new colleges have been added to the Approved PCA Courses web site over the last three months.
http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pcacoursreq_list.htm
 - A PCA license presentation that assists students and college professors with navigating the PCA license minimum education requirements and course approval process is available on DPR's web page.
http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pca/pca_license_presentation.pdf

V. **New Licensing-Related Laws (UAS Use in Pest Control, and Cheating or Lying on DPR Exams or Applications) — Leslie Talpasanu, DPR-PML**

Leslie discussed AB 1480, which amends the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 11792, adding two new illegal activities: making false or fraudulent statement, record, or report in connection with any licensing requirement and cheating on or subverting a licensing examination. This law will become effective January 1, 2018. Leslie also discussed AB 527, which amends FAC sections 11901, 11902, 11905, and 11910, adding new requirements to allow the certification of Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Pest Control Pilots. DPR will be developing regulations to support the implementation of this new law.

VI. **IPM Decision Support Tool — Pete Goodell, PhD, UC IPM Emeritus**

Pete provided information about the IPM Decision Support Tool (DST) and how it can help growers, applicators, and PCAs determine which pesticide products to use based on site specifics. This tool was developed under a DPR-supported grant. This grant focused on helping





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PCAs determine how to better use chlorpyrifos. Pete suggests that applicators and advisers use DST in addition to other tools to show they have considered alternate control options besides pesticides when making a pesticide use recommendation.

VII. Next Agenda - Date and Topics — Laurie Brajkovich, DPR PML Branch

Date of next meeting: March 14, 2018

Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: Training Room East and West, First Floor

Possible topics may include:

- Cannabis update
- Drones/UAS update
- Secondary container label requirements
- Enforcement of state requirements for those selling or buying pesticides online
- Surface water monitoring in urban areas
- Proposition 65 update from OEHHA

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