



Agricultural Pest Control Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

December 11, 2019

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CalEPA Building, Training Room East and West, First Floor

Members Present (9): Ronald Berg–Pesticide Dealers, Lisa Blecker–University of California, John Erisey–Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Glen Foth–Commercial Applicators, Dan Gudgel–Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Phil Mullins–Agricultural Pest Control Businesses, Matt Scally–Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners, Stephen Scheer–California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Wayne Steel–Pesticide Registrants

Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (6): Joseph Damiano–Pest Management and Licensing (PML) Branch Chief, Laurie Brajkovich–Environmental Program Manager, Leslie Talpasanu–Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), Laura Pauli–Staff Services Manager, Rebecca Olson–Staff Services Analyst, Alicia Imbrogna–DPR Pest Management and Licensing

Guests (13): Ruthann Anderson–California Association of Pest Control Advisers, Nathan Desjarlais–DPR Enforcement, Lisa Estridge–DPR Pest Management and Licensing, Terry Gage–California Agricultural Aircraft Association (CAAA), Carissa Ganapathy–DPR Environmental Monitoring, Okla Hensley–DPR Enforcement, Katrina Hunter–University of California, Amanda Kaufmann–DPR Pest Management and Licensing, Eugene Lowe–City of Concord, Atefeh Mousavi Nik–DPR Pest Management and Licensing, James Nakashima–Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Joshua Ogawa–DPR Enforcement, Jordan Weibel–DPR Pest Management and Licensing

Members Absent (5): Margaret Ellis–Board of Trustees of the California University System, Jeanette Heinrichs–General Public, Kenneth Oneto–Producers, Timothy Smith–Board of Governors of the California Community College System, Wayne Steel–Pesticide Registrants

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

- Housekeeping
- Introductions
- Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2019 were approved.

II. DPR Update — Joseph Damiano, PML Branch Chief

- Val Dolcini was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom as Director of DPR on October 14, 2019. He had been serving as the Acting Director since June 2019.
- Jesse Cuevas was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom as Chief Deputy Director of DPR on October 14, 2019. He had served as the Assistant Director for the DPR Pesticide Programs Division since 2017.
- Ken Everett is now DPR's Acting Assistant Director. He has been with DPR for 18 years in various capacities.
- The pesticide use reporting site code for Hemp/Cannabis has been split into two separate site codes: 26010 Industrial Hemp and 26017 Cannabis.
- The Alternatives to Chlorpyrifos Workgroup will hold three public workshops to solicit input on the action plans: January 14 in Fresno, January 16 in Sacramento, and January 21 in Oxnard. <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/chlorpyrifos/index.htm>
A list of Workgroup members will be emailed to APCAC members.

III. Licensing Update — Laurie Brajkovich, DPR-PML

- Laura Pauli is the new Staff Services Manager over licensing.
- PML licensing staff involved in renewals was introduced to the committee and guests.
- Upcoming Exam Dates:
 - January 11 – Galt
 - February 5 - Fontana
 - February 12 – Visalia
 - February 26 – Monterey
- License/Certificate Renewal Statistics as of 12/10/2019:
 - Out of 11,522 renewal packets mailed to individual license holders in July 2019, 6,439 (55%) have been returned to DPR for processing; 6,000 (52%) have been renewed.
 - Out of 1,919 renewal packets mailed to business license holders in September 2019, 1,211 (63%) have been returned to DPR for processing; 875 (45%) have been renewed.

IV. UC IPM Update — Lisa Blecker, UC IPM Program

- Staffing Updates:
 - Cindy Kron is the new North Coast IPM Advisor; her primary location will be in the Santa Rosa UCCE office and her area is Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake Counties.
 - Funds are available to hire a Human-Wildlife Conflict Advisor for the San Mateo/San Francisco Bay area.
- UC Ag Experts Talk About (Webinars):
 - The upcoming monthly webinar is “Avocado Thrips” on January 22 from 3-4 pm, facilitated by Mark Hoddle.
 - Recent webinars include “Avocado Cankers and Their Causes” on October 23, “California Red Scale” on September 25, “Asian Citrus Psyllid for Commercial Growers” on December 4, “Asian Citrus Psyllid for Backyard Growers” on December 5, and “Pesticide Label Reading for Safe Applications” on November 20.

- Pest Management Guidelines (PMG) Updates:
 - The migration of PMGs to a new mobile friendly site continues. Recent migrations include “Turfgrass,” “Tomato,” and “Rice Weeds.” Revisions to PMGs already in the mobile friendly format included “Potato” and “Onion/Garlic Diseases.”
 - Upcoming PMG migrations to the mobile friendly format will be “Avocado,” “Citrus,” “Asparagus,” “Spinach,” and “Fig.”
- Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP)
 - “Pesticide Safety: A Reference Manual for Private Applicators” has been revised and is being formatted for publication. It will be also be translated into Spanish.
 - UC IPM is currently revising “Soil Fumigation Study Guide.” It will be sent out for review in early January.
 - UC IPM is working with DPR’s Pest Management and Licensing Branch and the Worker Health & Safety Branch to adapt the National Train the Trainer Manual for California.
- Urban and Community IPM Program
 - Recently published Pest Notes include “Deer,” “Roses: Insects and Mites,” and “Centipedes and Millipedes.”
 - Green Bulletin – Fall 2019 includes: “Addressing the Science Surrounding Glyphosate.”
 - The Urban and Community Urban Program is busy with Train-the-Trainer workshops and in-store trainings at retail nursery and garden centers. Upcoming retail training include January 28 in Oakland and February 12 in San Diego.

V. Mitigating Groundwater Contamination: Regulations and Management Practices — Rick Bergin, DPR Environmental Monitoring

- Ground Water Protection Areas (GWPA) are square mile sections, vulnerable to pesticide movement, in which pesticides and/or their degradation products have been detected. Alternatively, an area can also be identified as a GWPA based on soil characteristics (coarse or runoff soils plus shallow groundwater).
- Use of pesticides listed in Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) 6800 (a) in a GWPA requires a restricted materials permit from the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) that specifies the management practice(s) required to protect against groundwater contamination (leaching or runoff).
- Where to get more information:
 - DPR Groundwater Program:
www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/grndwtr/index.htm
 - DPR Regulations to Protect Groundwater:
www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/grndwtr/gwp_regs.htm
 - Location of Groundwater Protection Areas:
www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/emon/grndwtr/gwpa_locations.htm

VI. Paraquat Label Changes—Leslie Talpasanu, DPR PML

- The new paraquat labels are starting to appear. Any application of paraquat (both growers and pest control businesses) from a product bearing the new label must follow the new requirements.
- The new label states: “Restricted Use Pesticide Due to Acute Toxicity. For use only by certified applicators – not to be used by uncertified persons working under the supervision of a certified applicator.”
- A grower or grower employee applying paraquat in accordance with the revised labeling must have a:
 - Private Applicator Certificate (PAC),
 - Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) with Category D, or
 - Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with Category D.
- Pest Control Business (PCB) employees must have a:
 - QAC in the appropriate category,
 - QAL in the appropriate category, or
 - Journeyman Pest Control Pilot Certificate (apprentice pilots are not certified applicators).
- A PCB employee may not use paraquat under a PAC.

VII. BeeWhere—Ruthann Anderson, CAPCA

- Registering beehives has been the law in California since 1987. Assembly Bill 2468 (AB 2468), which went into effect on January 1, 2019, made the following updates to the law:
 - Every California and out-of-state beekeeper who moves bees into the state or comes into possession of an apiary in California must register with the appropriate CAC. Annual registration is required on January 1, 2020 or when the beekeeper enters the state or comes into possession of the apiary.
 - Hives must be identified by a prominently displayed sign. Hives must also be stenciled with the owner’s name, address, and phone number.
 - Any apiary operator, or his or her designated representative, must notify the CAC if a colony of bees is relocated within the county.
 - The CAC must be notified within 72 hours if a beekeeper relocates a colony of bees from one county to another.
- Beekeeper registration options:
 - “FieldWatch” mobile phone app (<https://beecheck.org/>)
 - CalAg Permits - BeeCheck (<https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/>)
 - In person with the County Agricultural Commissioner
- Beekeeper registration enforcement timeline:
 - 2019 AB 2468 clarified current regulations – unlawful to not register bees
 - 2020 FieldWatch app launches; CAC can write violations for unregistered hives
 - 2021 CAC may assess civil penalties for violations:
 - Annual Registration
 - Branding of bee hives with required contact information
 - Notifications of relocations within 72 hours

- BeeCheck for Applicators:
 - Applicators/Growers intending to apply any pesticide labeled toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, ask the CAC, or a notification service designated by the CAC (BeeWhere), whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.
 - With BeeCheck information, applicators must notify the beekeeper(s), at least 48 hours in advance of the application.

VIII. CASPIR (California System for Pesticide Incident Reporting) —Okla Hensley, DPR Enforcement

- CASPIR is a new mobile app which provides a quick and convenient way to report pesticide incidents from mobile phones and tablets.
- CASPIR receives reports of pesticide incidents and routes them to DPR Enforcement and to the CAC.
- Users can attach photos, access GPS coordinates, and track the status of their report.
- CASPIR is available in English or Spanish.
- For additional information: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/quicklinks/caspir.htm

IX. Next Agenda – Date and Topics – Laurie Brajkovich, DPR-PML

Date of next meeting: March 18, 2020 (Note that this meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday in March, instead of the usual 2nd)

Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: Training Room East and West, First Floor

Possible topics may include:

- Update on the Healthy Schools Act
- Update on enforcement of online pesticide sales
- 2019 Licensing Program Recap
- A picture of the APCAC committee will likely be taken during this meeting.

Questions should be directed to Laurie Brajkovich at 916-445-9903 or Laurie.Brajkovich@cdpr.ca.gov.