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## MEETING SUMMARY

### Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC)

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., November 12, 2020

### Meeting Attendance

#### Committee Members Present (9):

- **Whitney Brim-DeForest** – University of California Cooperative Extension
- **Emily Buerer** – Community Alliance with Family Farmers
- **Jonathon Evans** – Center for Biological Diversity
- **Jim Farrar** – Statewide UC IPM Program
- **Terry Gage** – California Agricultural Aircraft Association
- **Jon Holmquist** – Association of Applied IPM Ecologists
- **Julia Inestroza** – California Citrus Mutual
- **Nick Lupien** – California Association of Pest Control Advisors
- **Stephen Scheer** – California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association
- **Lynn Wunderlich** – University of California Cooperative Extension

#### Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (6):

- **Val Dolcini** – Director, Department of Pesticide Regulation
- **Aimee Norman** – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Branch Chief
- **Leslie Talpasanu** – Environmental Program Manager I
- **Lynette Komar** – Staff Counsel
- **Matt Fossen** – Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)
- **Jordan Weibel** – Environmental Scientist
- **Tory Vizenor** – Environmental Scientist
- **Catherine Bilheimer** – Environmental Scientist
- **Rodney Jones** – Staff Services Analyst

#### Guests (4):

- **Jutta Burger** – Science Program Director, California Invasive Plant Council
- **Doug Johnson** – Executive Director, California Invasive Plant Council
- **Cheryl Wilen** – UC ANR



- **Cassandra Swett** – Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

## Committee Members Absent (16):

- **Farzaneh Khorsandi** – UCD Department of Biological & Ag Engineering
- **MaryLou Polek** – USDA, Agricultural Research Service
- **Ken Giles** – UCD Department of Biological & Ag Engineering
- **Jenny Broome** – Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.
- **Robert Ehn** – CA Garlic and Onions Research Board
- **Eric Lauritzen** – California Strawberry Commission
- **Mel Machado** – Blue Diamond Growers
- **Caroline Cox** – Center for Environmental Health
- **Kendra Klein** – Friends of the Earth
- **Margaret Reeves** – Pesticide Action Network North America
- **Anne Katten** – California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
- **Dave Tamayo** – California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- **Jim Steed** – Pest Control Operators of California
- **David Lawson** – Western Plant Health Association
- **Nicole Quinonez** – Consumer Specialty Products Association
- **Keith Pitts** – Marrone Bio Innovations, Inc.

## Agenda Items

- I. **Introductions and Chair’s opening comments** – Mr. Val Dolcini, Director, DPR
- II. **Administrative Topics** – Leslie Talpasanu, Environmental Program Manager I, DPR
  - a. Zoom orientation
- III. **Alliance Grant Presentation** – Dr. Jutta Burger and Doug Johnson, California Invasive Plant Council; Cheryl Wilen, UC ANR
  - a. Dr. Burger presented her grant project “*BMPs for Non-Herbicide Approaches to Invasive Plant Management in Wildlands*”.
- IV. **Alliance Grant Q&A** – Leslie Talpasanu
  - a. There were no questions from the members.
- V. **Research Grant Presentation** – Dr. Cassandra Swett, UC Davis



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- a. Dr. Swett presented her grant project “*Reducing fumigant use in processing tomato by enabling use of resistant cultivars to manage Fusarium diseases*”.
- VI. **Research Grant Q&A** – Leslie Talpasanu, DPR
  - a. Dr. Swett answered several questions from the members.
- VII. **PMAC Charter Discussion** – Lynette Komar, Staff Counsel
  - a. Ms. Komar presented the revised PMAC Charter.
  - b. There were a number of questions, especially from UC Cooperative Extension members, regarding the following sentence - “*Additionally, Committee members must not score, discuss, or vote on any grant application submitted by a university where the Committee member is a salaried faculty.*” There was concern that the large number of UC and Cooperative Extension employees on PMAC would be excluded from voting, depending on how this language was interpreted. It was suggested that the language be re-worked and clarified to reflect that Counsel’s intent was that exclusion would be necessary based on consideration of grants linked to a member’s specific campus employment, rather than general employment affiliation with a university system. Ms. Komar indicated that DPR will be looking at this language to better clarify its intended meaning.
  - c. DPR will update the Charter to address PMAC member questions and will present the final document for adoption at the next PMAC meeting on February 11, 2021.
- VIII. **Closing Remarks** – Leslie Talpasanu, DPR

The next PMAC meeting is February 11, 2021.

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