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Agricultural Pest Control Advisory Committee Meeting Summary September 8, 2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Members Present (8): John Erisey–Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Glen Foth–Commercial Applicators, Dan Gudgel–Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Phil Mullins–Agricultural Pest Control Businesses, Kenneth Oneto–Producers, Matt Scally–Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners, Stephen Scheer–California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Wayne Steel–Pesticide Registrants

Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (5): Laurie Brajkovich–Environmental Program Manager, Alicia Scott–Senior Environmental Scientist, Laura Pauli–Staff Services Manager, Kenneth King–Staff Services Analyst, Rebecca Olson–Staff Services Analyst

Guests (10): Ruben Arroyo–Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner, Nathan Desjarlais–DPR Enforcement HQ Branch, Ken Everett–DPR Assistant Director, Pesticide Programs Division, Terry Gage–California Agricultural Aircraft Association, Michael Huffman–APCAC Member Alternate, Aimee Norman–DPR IPM Branch, Jhalendra Rijal–University of California, Andrew Sutherland–University of California, Leslie Talpasanu–DPR IPM Branch, Tory Vizenor–DPR IPM Branch

Members Absent (4): Ronald Berg–Pesticide Dealers, Margaret Ellis–Board of Trustees of the California State University System, Jeanette Heinrichs–General Public, Timothy Smith–Board of Governors of the California Community College System

I. Welcome – Laurie Brajkovich, Environmental Program Manager, DPR-ENFHQ

II. Familiarizing Attendees with Using Zoom – Kenneth King, DPR-ENFHQ

- Instructions and guidelines for today's APCAC live cast (via Zoom software) quarterly meeting.

III. Administrative Topics – Laurie Brajkovich, DPR-ENFHQ

- Introductions
- Lisa Blecker has resigned from APCAC and has moved to an out-of-state position. DPR is in the process of filling her position.
- June meeting notes: There were no requested revisions to the June 2021 APCAC meeting notes.

IV. DPR Update – Laurie Brajkovich, DPR-ENFHQ

- As discussed at the June APCAC meeting, Val Dolcini is no longer Director of DPR. Julie Henderson, former CalEPA Deputy Secretary for Health and Public Policy, is now Acting Director of DPR. Karen Morrison is now Acting Deputy Director.
- 2021 is the 30th anniversary of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). Some highlights of DPR's history:
 - 1991 – The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is created. The California Department of Food and Agriculture's pesticide programs are reformed as DPR under CalEPA.
 - 1994 – DPR creates its IPM Innovator Award program (later renamed IPM Achievement Award).
 - 1995 – U.S. EPA's new federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is finalized. This federal regulation is designed to reduce the risk of pesticide poisonings and injuries among pesticide handlers and other agricultural workers. The federal standard drew on California's worker safety program as a model.
 - 2004 – DPR adopts new groundwater protection regulations, designating 2.4 million acres of land as "Groundwater Protection Areas."
 - 2007 – The state Legislature reinstitutes Alliance Grant funding. As of 2020, DPR had awarded more than \$6 million in Alliance Grants. The Research Grants program is introduced in 2012.
 - 2014 – DPR adopts regulations to limit the use of certain rodenticides (second generation anticoagulants) that create a hazard to wildlife who prey on the target rodents impacted by the products.
 - 2021 – Effective January 1, virtually all uses of the pesticide chlorpyrifos are prohibited in California. DPR launches the Sustainable Pest Management Work Group, the successor to the Alternatives to Chlorpyrifos Work Group, to continue exploring alternatives to chemical pesticide applications.
- In February 2021, DPR presented the 2020 IPM Achievement Awards to All Kids Academy Head Start, Inc.; Humane Wildlife Control, Inc.; the Phytophthoras in Native Habitats Work Group; and the Spray

Application Pest Management Alliance Team; and Michael Baefsky, owner of Trees, Bugs, Dirt, received DPR's first Lifetime IPM Achievement Award.

V. DPR Licensing and Certification Update – Laura Pauli, DPR Licensing and Certification Program

- On July 29, DPR mailed 9688 individual license and 1800 business renewal packets to M-Z applicants and business renewing at the end of the year. Submittal by October 1 is encouraged.
- DPR strongly encourages businesses and their qualified person to submit their applications concurrently and as soon as possible to avoid being caught in the processing queue that occurs as we draw closer to the end of the year.
- Beginning in October, the Licensing Program will be updating the DPR web site weekly to advise renewing applicants the current transaction dates that staff are processing. The update will assist renewing applicants, and will help stem the flood of status inquiries the Licensing Program receives during the renewal season.
- Licensing Program staff are currently working to move the remaining exams for the Pest Control Adviser and Pest Control Pilot to computer-based format at testing centers statewide. DPR expects these exams will be available in late fall 2021. DPR will continue hosting exams in Sacramento until the exams are computer-based.
- The new contact for course sponsors for continuing education is Izabella Czaja. (The previous contact, Kayla Suprenant, has promoted to an external agency.) The email and phone numbers for CE has not changed.

VI. DPR Is Ready to Fund IPM Grant Projects: Help Us by Being an Ambassador! Tory Vizenor, DPR Integrated Pest Management Branch

- DPR has opened the application period for the 2022 Alliance and Research Grants. The goal of both programs is to fund projects that reduce risks associated with pesticide use to public health and the environment. The projects can focus on any setting (wildlands, urban, or agricultural), any crop, and any IPM practice or system.
 - The Alliance Grants Program:
 - Funds projects that promote or increase the implementation, expansion, and/or adoption of effective and proven IPM systems or practices.
 - Successful applications demonstrate strong partnerships, outreach, and/or an educational or training component.
 - \$1.8 million in funding is available.
 - Applications are due March 10, 2022.
 - Projects should be up to 2.5 years in length (end date of December 31, 2024) and for funding between \$50,000 and \$1.8 million.
 - The Research Grants Program:

- Funds projects that develop and enhance IPM knowledge. It is the more “traditional research grant” of the two grants programs.
 - Successful applications develop methods or practices that reduce risks associated with pesticides of high regulatory concern and/or considered high-risk, and that can be incorporated into an IPM system.
 - \$3.75 million in funding is available.
 - Applications are due December 9, 2021.
 - Projects should be up to 2.5 years in length (end date of December 31, 2024) and for funding between \$50,000 and \$3.75 million.
- Proposal application materials can be found at [DPR’s Grants Program Webpage](#).
- Additional resources:
 - Alliance Grant Program Lead: [Tory Vizenor](#)
 - Research Grants Program Lead: [Jordan Wiebel](#)
- Everyone can help the DPR Grants Program by passing this information along to anyone who may be interested in applying for a DPR grant.

**VII. Bed Bug Education to Support IPM in Multi-unit Housing Environments
– Andrew Sutherland, UC IPM Program**

- UC ANR has posted [interactive online training](#) to educate and empower tenants in California’s multi-unit housing environments to recognize, restrict, and report bedbugs. The project was funded by a DPR Alliance Grant.
- Surveys have indicated that bed bugs are increasingly problematic in multi-unit housing:
 - Most (73%) pest management professionals report that infestations have increased (2014-2015).
 - Multi-unit housing complexes experience, on average, five infestations per year, with 15% experiencing more than 20 infestations per year.
 - Multi-unit housing is the epicenter of bed bug infestations because of close quarters and shared walls.
 - Management of the housing generally does not know they have a bed bug problem, and/or the extent of the problem.
- The [UC IPM web site has bedbug information](#) (other than this new online training) but the materials are general and not specific to multi-unit housing.

- California Assembly Bill (AB) 551 (2015) sets forth the duties of landlords and tenants with regard to the treatment and control of bed bugs in multi-unit housing (defined as 5 or more units on the property).
 - Landlord:
 - Cannot show or rent a unit he/she knows is infested with bedbugs.
 - Must provide tenants with a written notice about bed bugs and how to report an infestation.
 - Must notify tenants in writing of any inspections of their units. If the inspection is in a common area, the landlord must notified all tenants, and must do so within 2 business days of receiving a report from their pest control professional.
 - Tenant:
 - Must cooperate with inspections for bed bugs.
- In response to AB 551, UC IPM created bed bug IPM education to support multi-unit housing. The objectives were:
 - Create an [online educational module for tenants](#). The “wish list” that guided the creation of the online modules included that the module:
 - Cover all materials form AB 551.
 - Be short duration (less than 5 minutes).
 - Be free and accessible (online, mobile-friendly).
 - Be bilingual (Spanish, English).
 - Be interactive.
 - Create [printed educational materials for tenants](#). These printed materials are available at many garden centers and hardware stores.
 - Create training programs for landlords and housing management staff.
 - Create an educational presentation for code enforcement officers.

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting: December 8, 2021 (most likely via Zoom)

Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

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