



Agricultural Pest Control Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

September 12, 2018

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CalEPA Building, Training Room East and West, First Floor

Members Present (12): Ronald Berg–Pesticide Dealers, Lisa Blecker–University of California, Margaret Ellis (Alternate)–Board of Trustees of the California University System, Glen Foth–Commercial Applicators, Dan Gudgel– Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, Jeanette Heinrichs–General Public, Michael Huffman (Alternate)–Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Juli Jensen–California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, Matt Scally–Pest Control Maintenance Gardeners, Phil Mullins–Agricultural Pest Control Businesses, Kenneth Oneto–Producers, Wayne Steel–Pesticide Registrants

Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Staff (5): Joseph Damiano–Pest Management and Licensing (PML) Branch Chief, Laurie Brajkovich–Environmental Program Manager, Leslie Talpasanu–Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), Sarah Benedict–Staff Services Manager, and Rebecca Olson–Staff Services Analyst

Guests (10): Ruthann Anderson–California Association of Pest Control Advisers, Alexis Arenz–DPR PML, Adam Barsanti–California Association of Pest Control Advisers, Lori Berger–UC IPM Program, Russell Darling–DPR Pesticide Registration, Stephanie Fong–DPR PML, Terry Gage–California Agricultural Aircraft Association, Nathan Desjarlais–DPR Enforcement, Randy Segawa–DPR Pesticide Programs Division, and Jill Townzen–DPR Pesticide Programs Division

Members Absent (3): John Bushoven–Board of Trustees of the California University System, John Erisey–Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, 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

New Licensing Program Staff:

- Sarah Benedict – Staff Services Manager, PML Licensing
- Stephanie Fong – Supervising Program Technician III, PML Licensing



- Alexis Arenz – Environmental Scientist, PML Licensing

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes from June 13, 2018. Minutes approved.

II. DPR Update — Joseph Damiano, DPR-PML

- The Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) rulemaking package is drafted and is under review. The notice will go out in October, followed by a 45-day public comment period.
- The Pest Management Research Grant Program released the 2019-2020 solicitation. https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pestmgmt/grants/research/solicitation/2019-20_grant_solicitation.pdf

III. Licensing Update — Leslie Talpasanu, DPR-PML

- 2018 DPR License/Certificate Renewal Statistics
 - DPR mailed 12,606 renewal packets to individual license/certificate holders in July 2018.
 - 2,029 (16%) of individual packets have been returned to DPR for processing. Two years ago at this time 9% of individual packets were returned; one year ago at this time 14% were returned.
 - 1,538 (12%) of individual packets have been renewed.
 - DPR mailed 2,279 business renewal packets in early September, and 3% of those have returned to DPR for processing.
- Outreach for the 2018 Renewal Season Continues.
 - DPR continues to give licensing presentations at various CE sessions regarding renewal and licensing requirements.
 - DPR will soon send out postcards to licensees with reminders about recommended renewal dates.
- Approved Course
 - DPR recently added an online course meeting the minimum education requirements for Pest Control Advisers (PCA) to the approved course list on the DPR Web site. <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pcacoursreq.htm>. The course is “Horticultural Science” from Mt. Sac College and it is approved for the Production core course area.
- Recent licensing exams were held in Red Bluff (90 attendees), Visalia (195 attendees), San Diego (224 attendees), and Galt (255 attendees). Upcoming exams are scheduled for Santa Maria, Long Beach, Napa, and Galt.

IV. Pests, Pesticides, and IPM Project — Lori Berger, UC IPM Program

- Lori Berger gave a presentation on the “The Pests, Pesticides, and IPM Project,” which is just now wrapping up. She outlined the objectives, findings, recommendations, and



next steps of the project. A primary focus of the project is to address ways to increase the rate of integrated pest management (IPM) adoption across all interest groups.

- There was an IPM summit at UC Davis on April 17, 2018 with 150+ attendees.
- As part of this project, a white paper will be released in approximately four weeks.
- This two-year project was funded by DPR.

V. Chlorpyrifos Update – Randy Segawa, DPR Pesticide Programs

Randy Segawa gave an update on the status of chlorpyrifos regulation. DPR conducted a risk assessment for chlorpyrifos as a potential toxic air contaminant (TAC). After review by the Scientific Review Panel, DPR finalized the risk assessment. On September 21 the proposed regulation, which adds chlorpyrifos to the TAC list in the Food and Agriculture Code, will be released for public comment. A hearing on the regulation is scheduled for November 8, 2018. The next step is possible interim mitigation measures. DPR is considering modifications to the current setbacks in place for aircraft, sprinkler or ground rig, and orchard/vineyard air blast applications.

VI. California Neonicotinoid Risk Determination – Russell Darling, DPR Registration

Russell Darling presented information on the re-evaluation process of registered pesticides, and specifically the current re-evaluation of neonicotinoids. The re-evaluation began in 2009 after data from a registrant showed adverse effects from neonicotinoids. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pest Management Regulatory Agency (Canada), and CA Department of Pesticide Regulation worked collaboratively on the re-evaluation. DPR released the risk determination in July 2018, and has until July 1, 2020 to complete mitigation efforts.

https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/neonicotinoid_risk_determination.pdf

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

Date of next meeting: December 12, 2018

Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: Training Room East and West, First Floor

Possible topics may include:

- Vector control by UAS
- Online sales of pesticides into California
- Paraquat label changes

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