

MINUTES OF THE
WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

The meeting was held on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at the Structural Pest Control Board, 1418 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, California, commencing at 10:00 AM with the following members constituting a quorum:

Leonard Fromer, M.D., Chari
Jerry Farris
Eric Paulson

Board staff present:

Kelli Okuma, Executive Officer

Leonard Fromer M.D. called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Dr. Fromer introduced himself and gave a brief statement regarding his background.

Dr. Fromer asked for introductions of others present at the meeting. The following persons introduced themselves: Nita Davidson, a scientist with the Department of Pesticide Regulation, Jerry Ferris (committee member) an employee of Big Valley Termite and Pest Control, Eric Paulson (committee member) and employee of the Pest Control Operators of California, Robert Baker an employee of Clark Pest Control, and Kelli Okuma, Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board.

Dr. Fromer restated the committee directive, which is "Monitor, issue and advise Board; develop honest, unbiased analysis of issues from all perspectives; and consider request to amend false and misleading advertising regulations."

Ms. Okuma gave background information regarding events leading to the establishment of the Water Quality Committee.

The committee discussed water quality issues, certification of licensees, false and misleading regulation, public interest lawsuits, Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, previous water quality studies involving the pest control industry, individual county approaches to water quality issues and standards, and inclusion of integrated pest management into continuing education required for licensees.

Out of the discussion it was determined that the committee should focus on presenting the Board with a set of discussion topics for recommendations to come out of future meetings. The topics are based on the following issues:

- Whether or not to amend the false and misleading advertisement regulations
- Should the Board be giving a stamp of approval for a particular segment within a branch of licensees it regulates
- If the answer to board-approved individuals in a segment of a particular branch is no, would the board recommend that some other arm of state government give approval
- Should the Board require continuing education specific to integrated pest management
- Is there a role for the Board to enact a regulation that the operators do consumer education when they are called upon by the consumer to do a job
- Should the Board go to the Department of Pesticide Regulation with recommendations for consumer education
- Is there a role for the SPCB in connecting customers with information about the services of a pest control company

The committee agreed to present its minutes to the Board on January 19, 2006, as well as a summary of committee topics for recommendations to be submitted to the Board for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Minutes approved on 4/4/07