MINUTES OF THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD CE IPM REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING May 13, 2014

The meeting was held on May 13, 2014 at the Structural Pest Control Board, Lake Tahoe Conference Room, 2005 Evergreen Street, Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present:

Darren Van Steenwyk, Chairman Nita Davidson Naresh Duggal Sylvia Kenmuir Brandon Kitagawa Jim Steed Dave Tamayo

Board Staff Present:

Susan Saylor, Executive Officer
Robert Lucas, Consumer Services Manager
Tom Ineichen, SPCB Specialist
David Skelton, Administrative Analyst
Valerie Connelly, Continuing Education Analyst

Departmental Staff Present:

Kyle Muteff, Legal Counsel

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Van Steenwyk read roll call at 9:01 A.M., quorum established.

REVIEW OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED PARTIES' WORKSHOP ON IPM'S ROLE IN CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE).

The Committee reviewed and discussed the responses that were received from the interested parties' IPM workshop specifically citing broad support for IPM practices, a desire to increase the IPM continuing education requirements both in classes that are specifically designated as IPM and by incorporating IPM principles into all aspects of continuing education. Water quality and environmental concerns were also highlighted.

REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTIONS 1950, 1950.5, AND 1984- CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND HOURS WITH A FOCUS ON INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

9:12 A.M., Committee Member Naresh Duggal arrived.

The Committee discussed a variety of issues relating to IPM and its role in continuing education specifically focusing on a number of topics, including-

- The Board approval process for IPM CE courses and what criteria is used to make a determination if the course can be classified as IPM.
- Applicators scope of practice as it relates to IPM.
- The number of continuing education hours required of licensees and if it is enough to reach the goal of training and educating pest management professionals.
- Whether or not IPM should be a separate continuing education category or if it
 makes sense to combine IPM education into the technical category of continuing
 education. If combined, what educational issues would arise for companies not
 practicing IPM.
- The pest control industry's acceptance of IPM and how to reach companies that are unaware of how to implement IPM practices.

- The creation of standards and definitions for continuing education terms such as "technical" and "integrated pest management."
- How to create CE courses and standards that properly differentiate between Branch 2 and Branch 3 IPM practices.
- The inclusion of academia in the discussion about how to incorporate IPM into the continuing education system.

Committee Member Steed departed at 10:59 A.M.

Mr. Van Steenwyk stated that by June 15, 2014 he would provide Board staff with some options, to be made public and distributed to the Committee, for deliberation at the next Committee meeting. The options will address the technical and IPM categories in continuing education and how they might be expanded, defined, integrated and/or divided.

Mr. Muteff advised the Committee about the Open Meetings Act and their responsibilities as Committee Members concerning communication and public notification.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2014 in Sacramento.

The following meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2014 in Sacramento.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Van Steenwyk adjourned the meeting at 12:14 P.M.

Darren Van Steenwyk, Committee Chair

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