

**MINUTES OF THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD  
CE IPM REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 29, 2015

The meeting was held at the Department of Consumer Affairs, Lake Tahoe Conference Room,  
2005 Evergreen Street, Sacramento, California.

**Committee Members Present:**

Darren Van Steenwyk, Chairman  
Nita Davidson  
Naresh Duggal  
Scott Howell  
Mike Katz  
Sylvia Kenmuir  
Brandon Kitagawa  
Andrew Sutherland  
Dave Tamayo

**Committee Members Absent:**

Jim Steed

**Board Staff Present:**

Susan Saylor, Executive Officer  
Robert Lucas, Assistant Executive Officer  
Valerie Connelly, Continuing Education Analyst  
David Skelton, Administrative Analyst

**Departmental Staff Present:**

Frederic Chan-You, Legal Counsel

**ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Mr. Van Steenwyk called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and took roll. Quorum established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2014 AND DECEMBER 10, 2014 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Ms. Kenmuir moved and Mr. Sutherland seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 and December 10, 2014 Committee meetings. Passed unanimously. (AYES: VAN STEENWYK, DAVIDSON, DUGGAL, KATZ, KENMUIR, KITAGAWA, HOWELL, SUTHERLAND, TAMAYO. NOES: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.)

**REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL ACT AND TITLE 16, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS WITH A FOCUS ON INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, CONTINUING EDUCATION, THE SCOPE OF THE APPLICATOR LICENSE, AND QUALITY CONTROL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Van Steenwyk introduced and welcomed Mr. Howell and Mr. Katz to the Committee.

The Committee and members of the public extensively discussed whether or not an increase in the total number of CE hours is justified. The following topics were areas of focus during the discussion –

- Whether or not an increase in the required number of CE hours is an effective means to accomplish the goal of encouraging industry to practice IPM.
- The importance of educating consumers about IPM rather than increasing CE hours since the customer ultimately chooses the method of pest control to be used.
- The need to ensure an adequate level of quality in CE courses before increasing the quantity of required hours.
- The human health impact of pesticides and how an increase in IPM CE would contribute to decreasing their use.
- The breadth of material that needs to be covered in the CE system necessitating an increase in the total hour requirement.
- The availability of data showing the human health impacts of pesticide exposure and consumer demand for IPM.

Susan Junfish, Parents for a Safer Environment, stated that California Department of Health Care Services has data available listing diseases that are linked to pesticides.

Mr. Duggal stated that there is data available showing consumer demand (specific to Government institutions) for IPM through Requests for Proposal (RFPs).

- The possibility of hiring an independent consultant who would recommend an hour requirement for the CE system based upon the breadth of subject matter deemed necessary to cover.

Mr. Katz moved and Mr. Howell seconded to recommend to the Board that the three new continuing education categories, Laws & Regulations, Application & Intervention, and Integrated Pest Management, and the subject matter assigned to each category be adopted, and that the current hour requirements be assigned to these new categories in the proportions agreed upon in the Committee's previous recommendation. Passed by majority. (AYES: VAN STEENWYK, DAVIDSON, HOWELL, KATZ, KENMUIR. NOES: DUGGAL, KITAGAWA, TAMAYO. ABSTENTIONS: SUTHERLAND.)

Mr. Sutherland moved and Mr. Kitagawa seconded to recommend to the Board that the continuing education hour requirement for the Laws & Regulations category be set at three, per renewal cycle, across all license types and combinations. Passed by majority. (AYES: VAN STEENWYK, DAVIDSON, KATZ, KENMUIR, KITAGAWA, HOWELL, SUTHERLAND, TAMAYO. NOES: DUGGAL. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.)

The Committee agreed to use the reasons that were mentioned at the meeting to support their recommended hour changes and category creation.

The Committee welcomed any reports or data from members or the public that would support the list of justifications.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

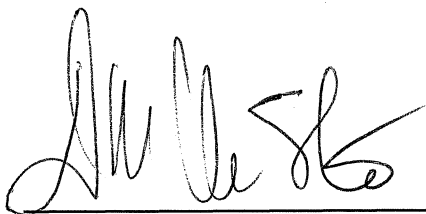
There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

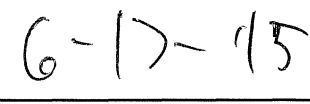
The next meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2015 in Sacramento.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Van Steenwyk adjourned the meeting at 3:09 P.M.



Darren Van Steenwyk, Chairman



Date