

Western Region School IPM Working Group Steering Committee Conference Call

Thursday June 2nd 1:30pm Pacific Time

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1. Any other business?
 - a. Dr. Gouge discloses IPM centers written back into the President's budget. RFA release expected in August
2. Tim's Report on CA school IPM.
 - a. Interested in coordinator training, each school district has IPM Coordinator (state law). The program started strong with a lot of funding. Materials developed through a consensus method, which ended up creating too many materials for training coordinators. The coordinator training is contracted out, one trains on structural, one on turf & landscape. Each contractor is paid \$4,000. Trainer contractor has a lot of prep work. Having two different training sessions; one on June 22 (by southern Oregon) and one in August (bay area). Finding contractors is very bureaucratic, and they are contracting out due to budget. With western region funds, we could do an event in Oregon and one in Washington. Dates are tentative and times have not been set yet.
 - b. Looking for different places in Colorado to hold the Change Agent Practicum. Difficult to reach other schools in NM, probably not a good idea to have the practicum there in the fall.
 - c. Guinevere Jones (G. J.) would like help, but can't put anything together until spring 2012. Might limit ability to apply for another grant, if extension is granted to accommodate G.J.
 - d. Bozeman School District, Montana has a great group together. Two school sites, reported 12 bugs that had been trapped during the first ½ of the year. They haven't applied pesticides (including herbicides for at least 10 years). Not all school districts are on the same level however, sanitation is great, and they have lots of maintenance workers relatively speaking (lots of snow clearing needed).
 - e. **Do we want to do the change agent practicum in the same form or change it to something else? (To think about for next conference call) Pueblo CO, or AZ, or ESA?**
3. Working group membership updates
 - a. Check for anyone missing, or remove?
 - b. Include- several from EPA
4. Survey Spreadsheet (opened as Google document)
 - a. Tim still working on the spreadsheet, will finish after phone call
5. ESA poster: Abstract submitted by G. J. (UW)
 - a. Thanks to everyone who helped, the abstract cannot be changed anymore.
6. ESA session
 - a. Three points: 1) a poster addresses our activities (Western Region), 2) eXtension session talks about school IPM and other eXtension groups (evening thing), 3) day session identify, clarify, speak out about school IPM session.

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- b. Need to have a planning meeting if we decide to use change agent practicum \$s for an ESA strategy session.
- 7. ESA network session will be an eXtension session (Fudd Graham, Auburn University)
- 8. ESA registration costs, November 13-16, 2011 in Reno, Nevada \$365, July 6th.
 - a. Dawn: Are working funds allocated for that activity?
 - b. Tim: No, the funds are just for travel to events for training.
- 9. IPM Symposium session (also attached)
 - a. In Memphis of Spring of 2012.
- 10. 12th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment (due June 27, 2011) for symposia and break-out sessions.
<http://www.environmentandsecurity.org/topics/view/68741/>
 - a. Looking to reach out for groups who are not familiar with IPM, pests, or pesticides.
 - b. Ideas for new people to inform?
 - i. “Healthy School Summits”, it went well in Washington. Even though school officials attended, they were not knowledgeable about IPM, but took it home to work on. WIN-WIN situation.
- 11. EPA school IPM RFA. Hopefully!
 - a. Almost, but not quite released from HQ. Pulled last minute because it was not set up to accommodate co-op agreements. Steve Owen wanted people to be able to apply for a co-op agreement. Actively engages EPA people, competitive first time around, after EPA has ability to fund lines straight to programs. Currently, it is being rewritten and is on Steve’s desk. Max amount is \$250,000 per application. All comes directly from HQ. Each regional working group COULD put in an application to have coop agreement with EPA to have sustained school IPM funding. Individual states COULD put in applications also.
 - b. Region 10 the only region that went with non-competitive direct funding of implementers.