

Community IPM Leadership Team Meeting (Conference Call)

When: Monday, 10th November 2014: 1 pm – 2:30 pm



On the call: Dawn Gouge, Al Fournier, Shaku Nair, Peter Warren, Ursula Schuch

- SIPM&O – Strategize the approach to TUSD and Gilbert.

The personal from grounds maintenance or the Chief Operations Officer at TUSD, did not respond to our email. Therefore, the brief informal meeting could not take place as planned October 7th, when Dave, Ursula and Shaku visited the two Catalina schools for a follow-up visit. Ursula and Peter Warren will follow up on TUSD contacts and let us know. Dawn mentioned the situation about a school nurse who acquired bed bugs during work. We must be careful while handling and discussing these issues.

In Gilbert, only the indoors environmental supervisor, Dave Lee is responsive. We can try to set up a meeting with the other staff through him, or speak to the Chief Operations Manager.

- Grants – State Program Initiatives/Teams, WIPMC, PeterW's grant?

Shaku and Lucy are submitting grants to the State Signature Program Initiative – Shaku's is on School IPM, Lucy's is on IPM in Elder care and disabled housing. PeterW will submit the forestry grant during the next cycle. The team is not submitting the WIPMC grant this time.

- Updates on Stop School Pests project; Hand book; extension publications.

Shaku and Lucy are working on updating the Bats and the Pest Proofing publications. The IPM in Schools publication does not require any changes and will be submitted back as-is. The Drywood termite publication will be sent to Paul for review.

Shaku is making good progress on the Handbook, most of the 'pests' sections are complete and are under review by various experts.

In the Stop School Pests Project, 7 of the 9 modules are completed and are under review.

- Recent and upcoming events (Centennial, Turf events, Tree irrigation, Univar, CDC training at CO, CALS Poster session, etc).

- Dawn, Shaku and Kai participated in the Centennial event on Oct 4th. It was a great success.
- Sprinkler Irrigation Seminar at MUSD was not well attended, probably due to problems in scheduling, as it was during the school's fall break. However, the seminar was held and completed with the available participants. The need to translate material into Spanish was felt greatly.
- The Tree irrigation field day was very well attended, with 87 participants. Shaku and Lucy helped with set up and registration.
- Lucy and Shaku presented at the Univar Seminars on Oct 29 and 30. Both events had over 100 attendees, and we were the only non-industry based presenters. Univar covered our travel expenses.
- Dawn participated in the Biology and Control of Vectors and Public Health Pests: The Importance of Integrated Pest Management training program organized by CDC and hosted by the Colorado Environmental Health Association at Glendale, CO.
- Ursula, Peter W, Shaku and Lucy are presenting posters at the 1st CALS Research Poster Forum today at Tucson (currently ongoing during the call, Lucy is covering the posters). There are over 100 posters, and very good interactions between presenters.

- Dave will be presenting at the Desert Green Conference in Nevada. Kai is organizing two workshops for golf and landscape staff later this month and next month. Kai, Dave, Ursula, Shaku and Mike Wierda will be presenting.
- Dawn will be attending the ESA meeting next week at Portland OR.
- Lucy will be presenting on Community IPM at the National Women Involved in Farm Economics Convention at Phoenix.

Next meeting: Conference call: 3rd December 2014, 9:00 – 11:00 am (likely to be rescheduled if no updates).