

Western Region School IPM Work Group Conference Call

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Participants:

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1) State Updates

Alaska

Nothing new to report

Arizona

New focus on IPM outdoors, integrating turf and horticultural issues. Dawn and Bryan and an extended team of IPM experts are conducting trainings with school nurses on bugs, and running a practicum events on landscape management.

California

Staff down from 4 to 2. Only Laurie and Lisa. Six workshops this fiscal year. Two have already taken place. Back to School reminder packet + school IPM calendars were mailed out to all school districts. Updated IPM guidebook reflecting law changes is now online. Travel budget is severely limited, so restricted to planned workshop travel only.

Colorado

October 25 coalition meeting in Denver; EPA will give an award to Ebert Elementary school at the meeting. Deb will be giving presentations at the Colorado Environmental Health Association (September) and Colorado School Nurses Association (November). Working with Green and Healthy Homes Initiation (Denver, HUD grant). CSU has new school IPM publications online at http://coloradoipmcenter.agsci.colostate.edu/Communities/school_IPM.html. Colorado Department of Agriculture passed some funds to CSU early on in the program, but no longer any pass-through funds. Thanks to Steve Blunt, from CDA, for his participation in the advisory committee and his expertise at school inspections.

Hawaii

In June, Thomas was transferred out of Department of Education to head the Pesticide Management Division at Hawaii Department of Agriculture. This has limited his ability to focus on school IPM, though he has been able to conduct some training. He has been involved with PMPs, conducting a 1 ½-day school IPM training for them, which qualified attendees to receive certification for school IPM. The bid process for all school districts must include a provision that any contracted PMP must have certification for school IPM. Thomas has provided training to school custodians, which included IPM and pesticide safety. On 9/23/11 he will be presenting to 150 PMPs at their association's annual conference.

Idaho

No one from Idaho was on the call. Dawn and Carrie reported the contact person is Bob Spencer, from the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Montana

No one from Montana was on the call. Ruth O'Neill from Montana State University was the school IPM person (part insect ID person, part school IPM), but she moved to another position. MSU advertised the position, with a higher percentage in school IPM, lower in insect ID, but they did not find a suitable person. So nothing is happening in Montana at the moment.

Nevada

Jon informed that enforcement dollars from State-regulated pest control operators goes to IPM supplies in the counties where the violations occur. Since 2005 this has been \$214,000. Supplies purchased by schools include items such as doorsweeps and sticky insect monitoring traps. Jon will be conducting a workshop for kitchen staff in October.

New Mexico

Tess has been very busy in Ag IPM throughout the summer, so not much to report on school IPM. She will be presenting at the New Mexico Public Schools Facilities Authority and Cooperative Education Services joint annual conference in November. In January NMSU hired a bed bug expert who will assist Tess as needed.

Oregon

Jennifer Snyder began working for the OSU school IPM program in April. The program is implementing two pilot projects in Beaverton and Bethel school districts. In July the program conducted a training/coalition event as part of an Oregon School Facilities Management Association zone meeting. Each school district is required to designate an IPM coordinator, who must receive 6 hours of IPM training each year. The program will conduct the first of many coordinator training workshops in Douglas County in October.

Utah

No one from Utah was on the call. No news from Utah.

Washington

Carrie reported that Gregg Smith (Facilities Manager, Salt Lake City school district) wooed the crowd at a WA coalition event in Seattle on September 9th. Gregg talked about the history of IPM in his district, his experience gaining IPM STAR certification and recertification, and his “i-PestManager” reporting, educating, and tracking program. Carrie is developing a curriculum to train school districts in IPM and provide follow-up assistance for them. She will be targeting the Spokane and TriCities areas, two regions East of the Cascades that she has not worked with before.

Wyoming

Guinevere finished surveying operation and maintenance supervisors at Wyoming’s public schools. They do not perceive any pest problems, which makes motivating them to accept IPM a challenge. Guinevere will be presenting on IPM at the Advanced School Improvement Seminar soon.

2) Website content and posting of current events

Dawn highlighted the contents of the Western Region School IPM Work Group website, including updated information on school IPM-related laws in each state, priority-setting exercise for 2011, and postings of upcoming events. She encouraged Work Group members to review the information on IPM laws in their states for accuracy, use the priority-setting results in future grants, and announce their upcoming events on the website. Any events you would like posted, please contact Dawn.

3) Brief National update, EPA awards, IPM Center grants

Some applicants for the latest EPA School Integrated Pest Management grants have been notified. It seems all notified so far have not been awarded grants. The Western IPM Center is due to announce new RFPs in late Fall or early Winter.

4) Highlight on School IPM ESA activities

Dawn reviewed the school IPM sessions, poster, and change agent practicum that many of us will participate in. The change agent practicum will explore funding and implementation models, as well as a discussion on expansion in the Western region. Bryan and Guinevere will be putting together a poster on school IPM efforts in the West.

5) Other

Jorine Campopiano has been EPA region 9’s new school IPM person since the end of July. Headquarters gave region 9 \$50,000 to be used towards school IPM. They have not decided yet, but are considering using it towards school IPM for tribal nations in collaboration with EPA region 8.

Jon Carpenter informed us that the ASCPRO has finished reviewing the PMSP and submitted comments to Tom Green. Revisions are almost complete.