

Western Region School IPM Work Group  
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Attending: Tim Stock, Carrie Foss, Dawn Gouge, Tess Grasswitz, Deb Young

1. Tim explained what he heard from Juliann Barta, EPA Region X about \$50,000 for each region for school IPM passed through the state lead agencies. Dawn said that each region won't be passing the money through to Extension. Region VI has, but Region VIII will use the funds to hire an Urban EPA person.
2. Deb-Colorado update: Colorado Association of State Nurses (November), Colorado Environmental Health-she had posters at these events; added new school district, inspected 3 new schools last week. Looking at comparing elementary, middle vs. high schools and their interest in IPM; elementary schools are the most interested. Carrie talked about Ken Graces' curriculum and study to determine sustainability of Formosan termite education in the three school levels. Dawn said that she is working more on outdoor IPM and that the high schools are very interested, possibly due to the complexity of the high school outdoor maintenance. Asthma is across the board, huge issues in all the school levels. Deb does not have the Colorado coalition meeting scheduled, there is interest in Pueblo and she will be contacting them. She has been dealing with bed bugs in the CSU dorms. Deb has been talking to the custodians about bed bug IPM at CSU and she'll be talking to RAs next.
3. Tess-New Mexico update: The next event in the fall will be about vertebrate pests, such as skunks. NM has a wildlife specialist. She has been seeking ideas on how to reach the schools less interested in IPM. Tess will be going on walk-throughs with Les Martinez, maintenance specialist with public schools. NMSU has finished search for new urban entomologist, two top picks both have great skills for school IPM. Coalition meeting has not been scheduled yet. Carrie at Dept of Ag has quit, so they are on hold right now for the coalition planning.
4. Carrie-WA update: WA will be receiving \$25,000 for school IPM from EPA Region X as a cooperative agreement through WSDA. Tim mentioned this in #1 above. WA will be holding the Seattle School IPM coalition event on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Gregg Smith will be presenting on the Salt Lake City School District IPM Program and iPestManager. South Kitsap School District has an IPM STAR certification pending at IPM Institute.
5. Dawn mentioned that IPM Institute needs information on school IPM presentations, so please send to Matt Anderson at IPM Institute.
6. Tim-OR update: Coordinator training (regional PESP grant) required by law (SB 637) and first one will be in Douglas county in Southern Oregon in October. Date will be confirmed in mid-August. Tim and Jennifer are developing curriculum and the training may be half indoor and half outdoor. Second coordinator training planned for March, north Willamette Valley. The first two events will be free, covered by grant, and the future trainings will have a registration fee. He will be going through Oregon Pest Control Association to host Coalition events. OPCA has two or three events for members. Jennifer and Tim will be presenting in November at their event in Southern Oregon. Will be meeting with ASD to plan for future coordinator trainings. At OSBA's annual meeting they will have a table. An outdoor IPM coordinator training will be held in Beaverton on September 29<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by NCAP and presented by Carrie.
7. Dawn-AZ update: Worst time of year to recruit new pilot locations, school is starting up. Not expecting anyone to respond in the next couple weeks, but there are a couple schools interested in the outdoor training. She surveyed the schools on training opportunities, consistently heard that spring workshops would be good for outdoor training.

8. Practicum: ESA-lots happening. Dawn sent out an email with the ESA activities. We will revisit this conversation on the next call. Work Group has funds for travel for practicum and regional interstate training events. Tess may be interested in going to Deb's coalition event in Pueblo. Dawn will be interested in attending coordinator training. She thinks that it would be good for one person to go to TX, OR and CA, for example.
9. Next conference call for larger group. Carrie suggested that we hear from the other states on their current and future school IPM activities. We could also talk about future training event opportunities. Dawn will send out a Doodle survey for September 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> to Laurie Brajkovich, Guinevere Jones, and Deb Young.
10. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.