

**Community IPM Leadership Team**  
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**Maricopa County Office**

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**I. Metro Tech Update**

- a. Bryan communicated this group's conference call notes from October 8 to Metro Tech. Sent via email to Tony, Dean, Jean and Bryan and other key players at Metro Tech.
- b. Dawn and Bryan have been approaching Metro Tech about doing an indoor assessment, but the school personnel have been unresponsive and not willing to do indoor assessment. (We did not talk about indoor portion of the program at the first meeting.) Bryan sent an email to the principal several weeks ago but has not heard back from them.
- c. Trying to confirm a date for working with them to get a better understanding of irrigation and to get the system mapped. This is an important first step and they will need hand's on help from our team to get this going.
- d. Next steps: It was suggested that we get the original group from Metro Tech back together to present the results from the assessment. Jean is a key contact there who may be able to coordinate their schedules. Jean Anderson and Tony would be the key people to have present at that meeting. This meeting could include a brief indoor walk-through to get started with the indoor assessment. Jean asked if we could involve students.
- e. Kai suggested the idea of simply stopping by (Kai and Bryan) to touch base and let them know we are still involved. If they don't get a response about Dec 12, Bryan and Kai will move on with this plan. Goal is to reconnect and hopefully schedule the review of the assessment. They may work on the irrigation the same day if possible.
- f. Communication has been a challenge for Bryan. Dean does not read emails. He and others are hard to reach on the phone.
- g. For future schools it was suggested that we present the key findings to the school the same day as the assessment.
- h. STAR certification: Dawn suggests the Metro Tech school district goes through this, because it would give us a lot of data. Tony is aware of the Start certification program. They are not ready to pass it now, but based on our findings and improvements, they could be ready in one year. This could be part of the discussion when we meet with them again. The down-side of it is that it costs the school district \$2000. Could Jean write a grant for it? (Phoenix Union High School District.)
- i. Move forward: start targeting Tony and Jean with emails. Kai and Bryan will visit them and touch base and work on irrigation map. Show up with a pizza.
- j. Timeline:

**II. Tucson School District**

- a. Week before Thanksgiving, Bryan and Ursula met with people from Catalina foothills school district. Superintendent, facility manager, pest control contractor, principals from 2 middle schools, groundskeepers were there. They are a “green” district. Both schools are eager to participate. Ursula called Bryan this morning and wanted to ask us the importance of having a second district represented, perhaps an elementary school in a lower economic category. Discussion. Metro Tech is already in lower economic category. The idea may not be compare schools in the end, but to treat each school as a case study. Dawn points out that it takes more work and time to work with low income schools. An advantage would be that both schools use the same pest management company, the same groundskeepers. It could focus our efforts. Since they are willing to work with us, and the team has been struggling to identify participating schools, it was suggested we pursue these as the 2 Tucson schools. Most important factor in our success is school cooperation.
- III. **Finding another school in Phoenix area: Gilbert School District.** Gilbert Public Schools District may be interested in the program. Highland High School. After Jan 12, our team will be able to meet with this group at Highland High School with district personnel. Bryan will confirm date.
- IV. **City of Phoenix Training.** Last year Dawn did structural IPM training and mosquitoes. They are interested in outdoor landscape and turf training. \$30 per person fee will be charged. It will be handled through grants and contracts people on campus. It has taken months so far. Phoenix will send about 60 people from Parks and Rec this year. Next year, they will send 300 people. (Kai runs the turf school and is able to set up an account at MCCE that he manages. MCCE takes 8%.) Grants and Contracts has sent additional paperwork to Dawn and she has filled out 90% of it. The final information will be entered by Bryan with help from MCCE business manager Eunice. If we can get this down, it will lay a foundation that will be easier in the future. If it doesn't work out, they will run funds through Kai. Kai will visit with Eunice to better understand what happened and why. (This has been done and Eunice has said that we can plan a to go ahead with this. The funds will be funneled through Kai's subaccount).
- V. **Structure of Leadership Teams.** Al explained the concept to the group, to serve as a steering committee for Bryan and to interact and share what is happening with the broader group of faculty who are involved in community IPM. The Field Crops IPM team is an analogy. It is important to have faculty in other areas involved. Kai suggested that the leadership team should grow as it needs to and not be “exclusive.” Peter Warren and Stacey Bealmer are both involved in School IPM. Bryan is concerned about bringing in too many people into the leadership team complicates his role. This group needs to communicate their activities to the broader group of faculty. We are not ready to take this program to Yuma or to Kingman or Flagstaff. We are in the development phase, developing a model that later can be implemented statewide. It was suggested for the next meeting, team members bring and discuss their 2011 outputs. These outputs are outputs of the team.

KOPEC ADD: We should formulate a statement( for our immediate review) to go out to the relevant counties on the status of this working group and the call for help when the program goes out to more counties later on.

- VI. **Blog Update.** Bryan has shot videos with Ursula and Dawn and these are posted on his blog. He has not sent them out yet because the blog was broken. Now it is fixed.
- VII. **IPM Coordinating Committee meeting Dec 8 at MAC.** Al asked for a written paragraph update from the group, including who is involved in the team, how the team communicates and functions, group outputs and impacts.
- VIII. **Notes from last meeting not yet on Comm IPM website.** Bryan will send.
- IX. **Possible RIPM Grant.** Dawn suggests working with Oregon and Washington on a RIPM grant focused on outdoor IPM(a draft doc is in the works).
- X. **Did not cover in this meeting:**
  - a. Entomology IPM short course
  - b. 10 month review of Community IPM Team
  - c. Planning for the future