



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

March 22, 2017

**TO: Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee Members
Interested Stakeholders**

SUBJECT: Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee Meeting

The Chairman of the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee (VPCRAC) has called a meeting for **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at 1616 Chestnut Street, Susanville, CA 96130. **If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify Sara Banchemo at (916) 262-1102.**

A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Sara Banchemo. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

The meeting agenda is enclosed.

Sincerely,

David Kratville, Sr. Environmental Scientist
Integrated Pest Control Branch
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

Enclosures

cc: V. Hornbaker
M. Dennis



**California Department of Food and Agriculture
Integrated Pest Control Branch**

VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Sponsored by: Lassen County Department of Agriculture
Lassen Business and Career Network
1616 Chestnut Street, Susanville, CA 96130
Phone (916) 262-1102 Fax (916) 262-2020
May 3, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
www.vpcrac.org**

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome from Lassen County Agricultural Commissioner**

- 2) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and VPCRAC Compliance**

- 3) Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2016**

- 4) California Department of Food and Agriculture Updates**
 - a) Program Updates
 - b) Vertebrate Legislation and Regulations
 - c) California Department of Pesticide Regulation Update
 - d) County Monthly Report Data

- 5) Financial Reports**
 - a) 2016/2017 Budget, Expenditures, and Revenue Review
 - b) 2016/2017 VPCRAC Fund Condition and Revenue Projections
 - c) 2017/2018 Approved Budget and Proposed Amendments

- 6) Committee Membership**
 - a) Board Member Requirements
 - b) Vacancy
 - c) Committee Member Status Updates

- 7) 2017 Proposal Guidelines and Research Priorities**
 - a) Overhead Costs for University of California

8) Research Proposals

- a) An assessment of secondary toxicity risk for 0.005% diphacinone treated grain via three application strategies for California ground squirrels. – University of California
- b) Cage efficacy trial of a rodenticide bait using an alternative marker dye. -NWRC

9) Research Updates

- a) Encouraging Owl Predation of Rodents by Erecting Owl Boxes: Myth or Potential Management Strategy? – University of California
- b) Ground Squirrel Best Management Practices Website-Expansion of Passive Extension Capacities. – University of California
- c) Efficacy testing of anticoagulant formulation with metabolic inhibitor as additive.-NWRC

10) Other Items

- a) VPCRAC Website Management
- b) Status of Wolves in Northeastern California
- c) Public Comment on Matters not on this Agenda
- d) Future Action Items
- e) Next Meeting Schedule Location and Date

Adjournment

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Note: Action is possible on any item contained in this agenda. Audience members may address the Committee following each agenda item. Each speaker from the audience is limited to three minutes. For information, please contact the Integrated Pest Control Branch, 916-262-1102