

COMPLETED PROJECT REPORT

Project Title: VPCRAC research database.

Research Agency: University of California - Davis

Principal Investigator: Salmon

Budget: \$27,000.00

Background:

This project provided for the continued maintenance of a database for VPCRAC. A summary of accomplishments throughout the grant period is outlined below:

July – September 2002 In August we visited the CDFA office in Sacramento and made photocopies of the latest progress reports, pertinent sections of any final reports, and information about contract changes. This information was entered into the research database. (Besides the electronic database, we maintain a "hardcopy" file for each project.) We assembled packets consisting of the updated, individual research project records, and updated summaries of projects grouped by species, toxicants, agency, and project status/funding. In early September we mailed the packets to the VPCRAC members along with instructions on how to incorporate the updates into the database binder. The updates were provided so as to be available to the members prior to the October meeting of the committee in Visalia.

January - March 2003 During the 1st quarter of 2003 we traveled to the CDFA office in Sacramento and obtained the latest progress or final reports submitted by VPCRAC-funded researchers and information (e.g., protocol and contract-related information) regarding newly-funded projects. Back at UCD we entered the progress reports and abstracts for any final reports into the database. We created new records within the database for the new projects.

In preparation for the 22 April meeting of the VPCRAC in Chico, we prepared "update packets" for the committee members. Each packet contained the latest available information regarding ongoing and new projects. As in the past, we included directions on how the 1-page reports for each project should be inserted into the 3-ring binder. The packets were mailed to the committee members in late February.

July - September 2003 During the 3rd quarter of 2003 we visited the CDFA office in Sacramento. We checked the VPCRAC files and made photocopies of pertinent information for any new projects, final reports, or progress reports. This information was entered into the FileMaker Pro database. We then assembled new update packets for the committee members. The packets were mailed on 22 September in time for the next VPCRAC meeting on 8 October in San Diego.

Summary:

As this contract will expire on 31 December 2003, we prepared a proposal to continue and expand the database. Briefly, the objectives are as follows: 1. Maintain, analyze, update and review the vertebrate pest control research database of projects approved by the VPCRAC. 2. Design, set up, and maintain a website for VPCRAC which will include the following components: VPCRAC outreach consisting of public-friendly reports about each funded research project; surveys to facilitate communication between VPCRAC and selected audiences; an on-line newsletter; a calendar of VPCRAC meetings, requests for proposals, and other relevant information; links to other related resources and wildlife damage management sites; and an administrative module for communication between committee members. 3. Evaluate the VPCRAC website to determine effectiveness in communicating committee activities and obtaining information and input from interested individuals and organizations regarding VPCRAC work.

The proposal was revised, resubmitted, and then accepted by VPCRAC.

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