

**MINUTES**  
**VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Various Locations in California**  
**Conference Call**  
**February 05, 2014**

Members Present

Dennis Bray, Chairperson - Hayward  
Art Foster - Bakersfield  
David Kratville - Sacramento  
Dale Huss - Castroville  
Mark Novak - Sacramento  
Paul Stapp - Fullerton  
Karen Sweet - Hayward  
Robert Timm - Hopland

Members Absent

Dan Spangler

Visitors

Jennifer Gordon - Sacramento

Ruben Arroyo - Bakersfield

Welcome from David Kratville, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

Mr. Dennis Bray - Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 9:00am and followed by introductions of Committee Members and guests.

BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT AND VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPLIANCE

Mr. Bray and the Committee acknowledged the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee (VPCRAC) compliance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Motion: David Kratville moved that the Committee recommend that Dennis Bray step down as California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) Representative and be appointed as the public member to the committee. The motion was seconded by Art Foster and passed unanimously.**

**Motion: David Kratville moved that the Committee recommend the appointment of Ruben Arroyo as the new CACASA Representative for the committee. The motion was seconded by Karen Sweet and passed unanimously.**

Discussion followed regarding the status of the information sheets used for advertising vacant positions. Mr. David Kratville, Mr. Dennis Bray, and Ms. Michelle Dennis have been working on a hand out to give out to potential candidates for committee members. David stated he will send what was put together to the Committee Members to review.

## OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE PROGRAM

Mr. Kratville let the Committee know that Mr. Roger Baldwin asked to change the web hosting for the VPCRAC website over to the University of California servers and utilize software he is more familiar with. There will be no change to the website hosting and maintenance contract cost.

Mr. Arroyo asked if any of our labels deal with structural or landscape areas. Mr. Kratville stated he would look into any that can be used in those areas.

Mr. Kratville asked the Committee if they recall why rats were removed as target pests from the Chlorophacinone (0.005%) label. Mr. Bray stated that Joe Marade from California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) might know more information on the re-registrations of the labels. Mr. Kratville said he would be contacting Joe Marade to find out why the rats were taken off.

Mr. Kratville stated that he has also researched the process for introducing a bill to renew the legislation authorizing VPCRAC which is set to sunset in 2015. The background information has been prepared and will be submitted in the Fall of 2014 call for legislation.

Ms. Sweet said we might need an election to make sure Mr. Bray will remain the chair for the committee at the next meeting.

For the final report on the Bird Repellant project, Mr. Kratville stated he will place a copy of the report in the packet for the next meeting. Mr. Kratville asked Mr. Roger Baldwin to give a final report at the next meeting.

Mr. Kratville mentioned that the program has identified a need to purchase equipment. The Committee decided that a proposal should be submitted for discussion at the next meeting in April.

### **Closed Executive Session of the VPCRAC Pursuant to Government Code Section 1126 (If deemed necessary)**

#### **Next Meeting Schedule**

Bakersfield, CA, April 30, 2014

#### **Adjourn**

**9:35am**

  
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David Kratville – Secretary

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Date