

# **VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sponsored by: El Dorado County Department of Agriculture**

**Lahontan Water Board**

**South Lake Tahoe Annex Building**

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**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome from Ms. Charlene Carveth, El Dorado County Agricultural Commissioner
- 2) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and VPCRAC Compliance
- 3) Approval of Minutes, April 30, 2014 Committee Meeting
- 4) California Department of Food and Agriculture Updates
  - a) Program Updates
  - b) Surcharge Legislation and Regulations
  - c) California Department of Pesticide Regulation Update
  - d) Board member requirements
- 5) Financial Reports
  - a) 2013/2014 Budget, Expenditures, and Revenue Review
  - b) 2014/2015 VPCRAC Fund Condition and Revenue Projections
  - c) 2015/2016 Proposed Budget
- 6) Guidelines for research proposals.
- 7) Committee Membership: consideration and recommendations of new members
  - a) Discuss Candidates for Vacant Position
  - b) Committee Member status updates
- 8) Research Proposals
  - a) A field test of rodenticides for pocket gopher (*Thomomys* spp.) control
  - b) Encouraging owl predation of rodents by erecting owl boxes: myth or potential management strategy?
  - c) late submissions
- 9) Legislative/Regulatory Update
  - a) AB 2210 Nongame
  - b) AB 2657 Anticoagulants
  - c) SB 1332 Carbon Monoxide Pesticide

10) Pursuing a California Special Local Need label for Zinc Phosphide on cabbage, Modoc County Agricultural Commissioner representative

11) Research Updates

- a) National Wildlife Research Center
  - i. Dietary Toxicity of Bioincorporated Chlorophacinone to Kestrels #11-0430
  - ii. Evaluation of Hazard of Sequential Exposures to First and Second Generation Anticoagulant Encountered by Non-Target Raptors at the Urban-Agricultural Interface - #13-0470 Pending
- b) University of California
  - i. Maintenance of VPCRAC website – #13-0454
  - ii. Assessing the Efficacy of Carbon Monoxide Producing Machines at Controlling Burrowing Rodents #13-0461
- c) Joint University of California and National Wildlife Research Center
  - i. Field Trial for Efficacy of Cholecalciferol + Diphacinone for California Vole Control #12-0408/ 12-0410
  - ii. Identifying possible alternative baits to replace strychnine for pocket gopher #13-0233/ 13-0234

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

13) Next Meeting Schedule

- a) Public Comment on matters not on this agenda
- b) Future Action Items
- c) Location and Date

14) Adjourn

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