

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

**Sponsored by: San Joaquin County Department of Agriculture**

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**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome from Mr. Scott Hudson, San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner
- 2) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and VPCRAC Compliance
- 3) Approval of Minutes, October 10, 2012 Committee Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
  - a) 2012/2013 Budget, Expenditures, and Revenue Review
  - b) 2013/2014 Budget, Expenditures, and Revenues Update and Projections
  - c) VPCRAC Fund Condition
- 5) Committee Membership: Consideration and Recommendation of New Members
  - a) Discuss Candidates for Vacant Position
- 6) United States Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten Rodenticides
  - a) United States Environmental Protection Agency Cancellation of Reckitt Products following lawsuit
- 7) California Department of Pesticide Regulation Pursuing 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Anticoagulant Restricted Use – Ann Hanger
- 8) California Department of Food and Agriculture Registration Issues
  - a) Zinc Phosphide Label – revise language requiring artificial cover for voles
  - b) Diphacinone .005% bait stations for Deer Mice in orchards
  - c) Request to add landscape ornamentals as a use site to the Diphacinone 0.005% label
- 9) USFWS Update on Gas Cartridge Mitigation Measures for Endangered Species – Dennis Orthmeyer
- 10) Quality Assurance/Quality Control Program
- 11) Updates on Other Vertebrate “Pest” issues
- 12) Research Updates
  - a) National Wildlife Research Center
    - i. IN-vitro Inhibition of Chlorophacinone metabolism in resistant meadow

voles using FIFRA 25b inert ingredients

- ii. Increasing Acceptance of zinc phosphide baits
  - iii. Estimating Job and Revenue Savings from using a Variety of Pest Control Techniques to Protect Crops from Bird and Rodent Damage in California
  - iv. Dietary Toxicity of Bioincorporated Chlorophacinone to Kestrels
- b) University of California
- i. Development and Evaluation of the VPCRAC Website for Vertebrate Pest Research Information
  - ii. Vertebrate pest control – education and certification using the internet and touch screen devices
  - iii. Development of an Integrated Pest Management Program for Vole Control in Artichokes
- c) Joint University of California and National Wildlife Research Center
- i. Efficacy of Cholecalciferol + Diphacinone for California Vole Control
  - ii. Development of a Management Program to Control Voles in Seed Alfalfa

13) New Research and Funding Proposals

- a) Identifying possible alternative baits to replace strychnine for pocket gopher (*Thomomys* spp.) control, Dr. Roger Baldwin, UC IPM and Dr. Gary Witmer, USDA/APHIS/WS/NWRC
- b) Field efficacy trial of cholecalciferol + diphacinone baits for California vole control, Dr. Gary Witmer, USDA/APHIS/WS/NWRC and Dr. Roger Baldwin, UC IPM

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

15) Next Meeting Schedule

16) Adjourn

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