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NOTICE OF OFFICE OF PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – AQUATIC PEST MANAGEMENT EXAM DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

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1688 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Room 325

NOTICES

The Office of Pest Management Advisory Committee gives notice that it will hold a meeting open to the public as indicated on this agenda. The committee may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

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MINUTES

I. 9:00 A.M.: Call to Order (Chairperson) 9:24am

a) Committee Roll Call (Mr. Coyazo or Ms. Heck) –

Dr. Kirk Smith (Chairperson) – Present
Ron Elkins – Present (9:26am)
Dr. Rick Amalfi - Present
Tom Siegfried - Present
Dr. Mike Wierda - Present

II. Discussion and possible action (Chairperson)

a) Job Analysis

1. Aquatic Pest Management Applicators

b) Test Plan Development

Dr. Rick Amalfi suggest the QA exam should maintain the four answer options because he believes that the four options makes the exam moderately harder.

Dr. Mike Wierda suggests reinstating the negative question format (i.e. “which is not”).

Dr. Wierda requests clarification on whether these new exams are only for OPM or if these will be used for agriculture and whether, when writing questions, he should avoid questions regarding agricultural uses.

1. Aquatic Pest Management Applicators

- c) **Exam Question Review** – pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2) an Executive Session may be held.

Dr. Amalfi motions to move into executive session.

Dr. Wierda seconds and the motion carries.

Executive Session Begins: 9:30am

Dr. Kirk Smith states the subcommittee should settle the issue of keeping the QA exam with four multiple choice answers.

Mr. Ron Elkins motions to have the CA exam have three multiple choice options and true or false answers while the QA will keep the four options.

Dr. Amalfi seconds and the motion carries.

The subcommittee reviews the questions they decided to keep from previous meetings.

Dr. Smith states the committee will use two new labels on the exam and will send them to Mr. Robert Tolton.

Dr. Wierda motions to leave executive session.

Dr. Amalfi seconds and the motion carries.

Executive Session Ends: 11:17am

1. Aquatic Pest Management

d) Study Materials

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III. Call to the Public (Chairperson) - *Each speaker is limited to five minutes. This is the time for the public to comment. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.01(H), action (if any) taken as a result of public comment will be limited to recommending the Acting Director study the matter, responding to any criticism, or recommend scheduling the matter for further consideration at a later date. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H), the Committee may discuss, consider or make decisions only on matters listed on the Agenda...*

IV. Communication with Advisory Committee Members (Chairperson) – *Each member may disclose any communication with the Public or Industry on issues that they may want to add to a future agenda.*

V. Scheduling of Future Meetings (Chairperson)

Wednesday, August 19th, 2015 9:00am

VI. Adjournment – 11:29am

Dr. Amalfi motions to adjourn.

Mr. Ron Elkins seconds and the motion carries.