

Making IPM Mainstream
Kick Off Meeting
July 19, 2004
NRDC HQ – 111 Sutter Street, SF

Attendees:

Bart Brandenburg
Tanya Drlik, BIRC
Delia Garrison, City of Sacramento
Jonathan Kaplan, NRDC
Jennifer Krebs, ABAG
Ceil Scandone, ABAG
Dave Tamayo, Sacramento County
Terry _____, NRDC

Jonathan: Facilitated the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves

1. Local IPM programs –

- Santa Clara - Narish Dugal is the Santa Clara County IPM Coordinator. Their program is very structured: it is driven by citizen demand. As a result, Santa Clara is doing both indoor and outdoor IPM. The County Exec approves a list of IPM BMPs. Santa Clara recently hosted an IPM conference. BIRC provided technical material and info about how to set up a program. The conference distributed CDs with internet links. Santa Clara sells their software program to other jurisdiction.
- San Francisco and Marin – also citizen demand driven programs with lists of approved BMPs and/or acceptable products
- Palo Alto – recently held a conference for IPM coordinators on lists
- Dave mentioned that unlike Santa Clara, many county programs are driven by NPDES concerns; these may focus more on outdoor IPM. He also noted that county programs govern the county activities, not the cities' activities.

2. **Certification Programs** –

Participants had a lengthy discussion about

- **Who should be certified:** the crème de la crème of IPM mavens (Luis, Tom Green) or a larger list of providers who are less knowledgeable but competent.

- **How certification will be used,** i.e. environmentally preferable purchasing by local agencies

- **Who will be doing the certification?**

- **How will we be building a reporting system** so that certified practitioners report on an ongoing basis what they are doing?

- **How we will educate customers** (contractual language? audit checklists?)

- **Standards** to be used:

Tanya noted that ants, cockroaches, rats, mice have been selected as the target pests for their current project which is focused on structural pests. They have developed general IPM strategies for them; list of deficiencies in training for PCOs. They are

developing standards – this was going to be due about now, but putting off to get more buy-in, seek compatibility with our process.

Jonathan brought up setting up a process for developing standards

Bart presented an overview of Tom Greene's efforts: He is at a Wisconsin, IPM Institute; Professional Pest Management Audit/Rating System: some numeric; some narrative – approach is to ID chemicals they shouldn't use rather than having an approved list.

- There was consensus that we need to consult with local agencies before we develop/launch certification program. Among agencies listed to consult with: stormwater program managers, sanitary districts, other local program/public agency environmental managers, BAASMA, ongoing IPM programs

- We also need to meet with the State's Structural Pest Control Board – they want to hear about limitations to marketing IPM. SPCB has restrictions. Jonathan mentioned his efforts with CALPIRG and said he'll try to get an intern to research advertising limitations put in place by the SPCB Their rules will govern our marketing.

3. IPM Training?

Participants briefly discussed the merits of on-line training, offering classes at community colleges and apprenticeships.

4. Ins and Outs of Grant Contracting

Ceil will be grant manager for ABAG and facilitate contract with Water Board, Grantor (contacts Doug Tsuda/Bill Johnson), Jennifer will assist Ceil. She said she would send standard ABAG contract to all for their review.

Contractors – Tanya, Bart, Jonathan were asked to revise/reconcile/update their time schedules, rates, deliverables in detail based up initial grant proposal, revised grant by Water Board and provide scopes of work that could be used in contracts. This is to make management of all task/timelines clear, ensure smooth integration of everyone's activities. There was a discussion of one contract with BIRC versus individual contracts with Tanya & Bart in addition to BIRC. Ceil said she would research what was possible.

5. For Next Meeting: August 16th, 2004 at ABAG at 10:00 am

Think about:

1. Who do we need to talk to about our project?
2. Develop a pitch

Discuss revised deliverables, time table and agree.

Contracting updates

Dave offered to find out what folks are doing – e.g. get contract language, vendor contract stuff re: oversight and reporting in Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Marin, SF; also will check with Stormwater agencies.

DRAFT AGENDA
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Coordination Meeting (#2)
August 16, 2004 10:30 am
ABAG, 101 8th Street, Oakland

1. Call to Order
2. Revise Agenda as needed
3. Approve Minutes of last meeting
4. Contract Issues – Discussion and Agreement on Work Scopes
5. Set TimeLine of Meetings, Tasks, Deliverables for Next Year
6. Next Meeting – September 13th, 2004 10:30 ABAG