

Minutes
Making IPM Mainstream
Coordination Meeting (#6)
February 14, 2005 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
ABAG Conference Room C

In attendance: Ceil Scandone, Jennifer Krebs, Jonathan Kaplan, Bill Quarles, Terry Byrnes, Tanya Drlik, Dave Tamayo

1. Minutes from last meeting approved
2. Agenda approved
3. BIRC Update:
 - Terry Byrnes presented the group with some guidelines to assist with our upcoming meetings with marketing firms.
 - Terry Byrnes presented a report back from a phone call and review of literature of the Washington State Landscape IPM Certification Program. In order to be a certified IPM landscaper in Washington, an applicant must take five courses and pass a test for each course. The regulatory overlay in Washington is quite different than CA and our program cannot be overseen in the same manner.
 - Tanya Drlik updated the group on the four trainings that have been offered under the IPM Certification grant. 20 PCOs are being trained. The BIRC website also lists 25 PCOs who practice IPM. This group of 45 may be the first operators eligible for certification. We have committed to certifying at least seven by next March.
 - Tanya Drlik updated the group on the standards development to date. In December, she received comments on the draft standards. The TAC is meeting again in March. Tanya will try to incorporate comments by the March meeting. The structural standards should be complete by July 05.
4. NRDC Update:
 - Jonathan arranged for interested group members to attend interviews with prospective marketing firms.
 - The group discussed further what PCOs and landscapers will be able to market as certified IPM practitioners. The group continues to have questions as to the regulations of DPR and the SPCB. Jonathan will continue to research along with Tom Lippe and Ken Moy.

- Jonathan will draft a letter for local governments to send to the Pest Control Board to let them know about our project and to get their input as to how we might be able to collaborate on the IPM issue.
 - Dave Tamayo will talk to Geoff Brosseau about collaborating.
5. ABAG Update – The group looked at the draft website provided by Dusty of ABAG.
 6. The meeting adjourned at 1:00.

