



Southern California Vector Control Environmental Taskforce

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2008
Time: 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Location: San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road
West Covina, CA 91790

Minutes

Chaired By
Bob Cummings, OCVCD

1. Welcome & Chairman Address

Meeting was started by Bob Cummings at 10:10 A.M.

Introductions of those in attendance

2. Review of Native Fish Paper

- Mike Saba had a discussion with Dave Brown of the MVCAC regarding this paper.
 - The concern was that this paper could impact the use of gambusia in rice fields; this would negatively affect northern regions that utilize gambusia in these areas.
 - Dave Brown made the suggestions of allowing the IPM committee to review the native fish paper, in order to ensure that the paper doesn't discourage the use of gambusia as a biological control instead the paper should encourage the addition of native fish as a means for biological control.
 - Member present at the meeting had no conflict with having the IPM committee review the paper prior to submittal.
 - The question was asked whether it is better to provide a list of native fish or just utilize the general term. One problem is the inclusion may limit the use of other native fish since no inclusive list occurs for the whole region.
 - What is the possibility to using protective fish as biological control?
 - During the Fauna meetings, those involved have identified that the use of native fish is a long process in which there needs to be a comprehensive map of fish, locations and watersheds



- Water quality issues and cost effectiveness may also affect native fish use in mosquito control. What is needed is:
 - Proactive research and cooperation with fish and game
 - Working on identifying fish that could be used
 - A paper stating the desire to use native fish (native fish paper)
- Additional comments on the native fish paper:
 - Please review the paper and provide comments to Mike and Lora
 - The paper will be submitted to the IPM committee for review
 - The paper will utilize three common native fish species as examples but will not include a list of all species that can be used.

3. Invitation Letter

- The taskforce needs to determine a viable date to meet with the corp. of engineers. Other agencies that can also be contacted are fish and game, fish and wildlife, and water boards.
- It was decided that the first meeting should be in December in order to provide time to develop and agency, and discuss needed details during the conference call.
- An agenda will be developed within the next month and sent out to the corp. with a formal invitation.
- Target date to send out the letter and agenda will be at the end of October.
- Mike Saba will contact the Corp of engineers to determine if December at San Diego Vector Control will be a viable location and date.

4. Issues List:

- Using the issues list, the taskforce will formulate agenda items for the December meeting with the Corp.

5. Action Items:

- Native Fish paper will be revised and submitted to IPM committee by the end of the week.
- Corp invitation
 - Mike Saba will call and see if the proposed date and time will work for the corp. of engineers.
 - Decision will be made based on the response of the corp. of engineers.
- Taskforce issue list will be used to make up the agenda for the Dec. meeting and will be updated
- H2O conference is from October 28-30, OCVCD will have a presence there but it would be beneficial if there was a Taskforce presence the booth cost is \$350 and the deadline is Oct. 10th.

6. Next Meeting:

**San Diego County DEH-VCP
December 16, 2008**