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Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Kennebec/Penobscot Room, Augusta, Maine

AGENDA

3:00 – 4:00 PM (BOARD MEETING)

4:00 – 5:00 PM OPEN FORUM (COSPONSORED BY THE IPM COUNCIL)

5:00 – 6:00 PM (BOARD MEETING CONTINUED IF NECESSARY)

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. Minutes of the December 13, 2013, Board Meeting

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve

3. Request from Maine Migrant Health Program and Eastern Maine Development Corporation to Help Support a Worker Safety Training Program for Summer 2014

Since 1995, the Board has supported a Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Safety Education program. During 2013, 388 individuals received Worker Protection Standard training, 176 individuals received take-home exposure training and 260 received heat stress training. The Maine Migrant Health Program and Eastern Maine Development Corporation are proposing to provide one health and safety outreach worker during the 2014 agricultural season. Funding to support this effort is being requested in the same amount as last year, and funds have been budgeted in the Board's FY'14 work plan.

Presentation By: Chris Huh, Program Manager, Farmworkers Jobs Program,
Eastern Maine Development Corporation
Elizabeth Charles, Enabling Services Coordinator, Maine Migrant Health
Program

Action Needed: Discussion and determination if the members wish to fund this request

4. Continuing Discussion of Planning Session Topics

The Board discussed a variety of topics during its annual planning session as part of the September 6, 2013 Board meeting. Several topics were also discussed at the October 18 and December 13 meetings, and some decisions were made at the December 13 meeting. The Board will now review the status of the planning session topics and determine whether additional discussion and/or action is appropriate.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Provide Guidance to the Staff about Planning Session Topics

5. Water Quality Monitoring

The Board has a 20-plus year history of monitoring both ground and surface waters for pesticide residues. In 2005, the Maine Legislature reinforced the importance of the Board efforts by codifying the requirement for water residue surveys under 7 M.R.S. § 607-A (2-A). However, recently, sampling efforts have been curtailed due to difficulty contracting for competent laboratory services. The staff recently entered into an agreement with the Montana State Laboratory which utilizes cutting-edge pesticide analytical methodology. Consequently, plans are being made to resume water quality monitoring. The staff will update the Board on the laboratory issues and seek Board input on water quality priorities.

Presentation by: Mary Tomlinson
Water Quality Specialist

Action Needed: Provide Guidance to Staff on Water Quality Priorities

6. Review of Pesticide Bills Before the Legislature

There are three bills concerning pesticides under considerations by the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee of the Maine Legislature: LD 1587 An Act To Temporarily Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides; LD 1678 An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery; and ~~LD 1597 An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act~~ LD 1674 An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients. The Board will discuss the bills and determine whether to take an official position and/or provide testimony on any of them.

Presentation By: Henry Jennings
Director

Action Needed: Determine Whether to Take a Position on any of the Three Bills

7. Other Old or New Business

- a. Other?

8. Schedule of Future Meetings

February 21, March 28, May 9, and June 27, 2014, are tentative Board meeting dates. The June 27 meeting includes a tour of Backyard Farms in Madison in the morning, with a board meeting at Madison High School after lunch. The Board will decide whether to change and/or add dates.

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

9. Adjourn

NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
 - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the attention of Anne Bills, at the Board's office or anne.bills@maine.gov. In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.