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Notice of Meeting and Agenda for the Task Force on the Regulation of Structural Pest Management

The Task Force on the Regulation of Structural Pest Management (OPM Task Force) gives notice that it will hold a meeting open to the public on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206 of the Arizona Department of Agriculture, 1688 W Adams Street, Phoenix). Members of the OPM Task Force will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. The Task Force 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).

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Roll Call – Jack Peterson, Chairman & OPM Acting Director
2. Current Status of the Office of Pest Management and coordination with the Department of Agriculture, including:
 - Listserv Signup – <http://listsrv.azda.gov/> - Jack Peterson
 - Changes, updates or other items out of the ordinary
 - License renewal final numbers – Robert Tolton
3. Summary of Town Hall Meetings Sponsored by AzPPO – Courtney Levinus
4. Topic discussions and possible actions
 - **Recommendations to date from the TF:**
 - i. *no inactive license requirements – all licenses whether active or inactive have to maintain CEUs and pay to continue licensure and certification,*
 - ii. continue holding OPM CEU classes dealing with laws, rules and keeping persons in compliance, and
 - iii. discontinue state required criminal background investigations
 - Review of paper comparing OPM licensing requirements to ADA licensing requirements, discussion and recommendations as appropriate.
 - Qualifying Party – Discussion of QP draft language for obtaining and broadening - a general discussion on QPs of the future to come to recommendations for what the requirements should be.
 - TARFs – Discussion of TARF paper and recommendations to reduce regulatory burden and to help determine recommendations relating to TARFs, - alternative funding mechanisms, should the submittal of TARFs continue – a discussion on the future of TARFs.
 - Review and discussion of record keeping comparison between ADA and OPM and potential recommendations.
 - Future deadlines – legislative action in 2013, drafting of legislation and associated rules – other changes that are needed that have not been discussed

Old Business – task force purpose as laid out in the legislation may be discussed during any discussion items or as separate discussions

5. Review of all laws and regulations governing structural pest management in Arizona and changes necessary to accomplish the future structural pest management program, including: (Please bring your copies of the laws and rules)
 - Department of Agriculture’s existing statutory framework and regulatory scheme related to pesticides
 - i. Review of powers and authority statutes - comparisons and rules that fit.

- Office of Pest Management staff recommendations on changes needed to OPM rules and laws
 - i. Certification/Licensing requirements – including insurance needs
 - 1. How do we reduce the burden on industry?
 - 1. Does everyone need the same level of training/experience for certification?
 - 2. Is a QP needed or do we just need a responsible individual?
 - ii. Criminal background checks – do we need them for everyone?
6. Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) on any matter listed on the agenda
 7. Call to the Public (2 minute limit per speaker)

This is the time for the public to comment on items relating to the Task Force’s purpose and discussions held or wished to be discussed in the future. Members of the Task Force may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, in response to public comments made on issues that are not listed on the agenda, the Task Force is limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

8. Set Next Meeting Date and Topic Discussion
9. Adjourn

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Dated this 14th day of February, 2012