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Pest Management Division

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APPROVED MINUTES for the Public Meeting of the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Pest Management Division Advisory Council (PMDAC) held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at 1110 West Washington Street, Suite 450; Phoenix, AZ.

The agenda for the meeting is as following:

1. Call to Order

Tim Goeringer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Vince Craig reported council members: Tim Goeringer-Present, and Chris Gillies-Present (in person), Cody Smith-Present Virtually and Ruth Leo-Present Virtually

Staff members: Vince Craig-Present, Paul Brierley-Present, Heather Flowers-Present, and Robert Tolton-Present Virtually.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2023

Tim Goeringer postponed review of the minutes until the next scheduled meeting.

4. PMD Compliance Update

Vince Craig explained to the Committee, the report being reviewed is what the database houses. This report is from July 2023 thru September 2023 showing the number of office, vehicle, childcare inspections, ect... This report demonstrates the agency is in compliance with the EPA contractual agreement.

Ruth Leo wanted to acknowledge that Hector Duran, PMD Inspector, has recently passed away. All agreed he will be missed.

Vince Craig stated a Bilingual inspector will be hired to fill that position just as soon as some of the job requirements are finalized.

5. Licensing Update

Robert Tolton updated the Committee on the status of the application process and the on-going issues with the background fingerprints.

Chris Gillies wanted to know the status of the IT modification project? Heather Flowers informed the Committee it has been sent out for vendor bids and hoping to be contracted by January 2024.

6. PMD Exams Update

Robert Tolton stated the Exam updates will begin on January 1, 2024. Our current Exams are in compliance with EPA requirements as will the updated Exams. Every year at the end of the Federal Fiscal year, the agency is required to submit to EPA the number of certifications for both PMD and Agriculture Department.

Tim Goeringer asked what is the status of EPA's requirement that CEUs be specific to the applicator's certification? Vince Craig stated, there have been no changes. The agency will have more discussions this coming year with EPA.

7. Director's Report

Paul Brierley, Executive Deputy Director, thanked the Committee for their service to the Department. He was impressed at the AZPPO ceremony when Vince Craig was awarded and recognized for all his hard work with the industry. It showed what a good relationship the Department has with the Industry and would like to encourage its continuation. He spoke about his background prior to becoming the EDD for the agency and some of the things he has encountered since he started working here. He acknowledged the loss of Hector Duran. The Committee each introduced themselves and provided information about their background.

8. Call to the Public - None

9. Executive Session - None

10. Adjournment

Chis Gilles made a motion to adjourn. Cody Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.