

**Minutes**  
**Pesticide Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting**  
**April 27, 2015**

Present: PAC Members: Scott Armbrust, Thia Walker, Joyce Van Horn, Tina Booten, Terry Abbott, Colorado State Attorney General representative David Joeris, and Colorado Department of Health and Environment representative Leah Colton, EPA (*Environmental Protection Agency*) Region 8 representatives Peg Perrault and David Golden; General Public Byron Kunugi, Larimer County Bobby Goeman, Kelly Gouge Turf/Ornamental Interested Public Guest Angela Medbery,; and Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) representatives: Mitch Yergert, John Scott, Jonathan Handy, Matt Lopez, Laura Quakenbush and Cheryl Shoup

The meeting began at 9:10 am with the introduction of the attendees. Although not discussed in the meeting, the following members were reappointed for another 3-year term:

Byron Kunugi - General Public - Agricultural Producer representative  
Thia Walker – CSU representative  
Leah Colton – CDPHE (Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment) representative

**Update: C&T Program**

Thia Walker (CSU) Jonathan Handy (CDA)

*Agricultural Weed Control Study Guide Development*

Thia opened with an update on developing new tests. They went through the old Ag Weed study guide and updated it. There are examples of labels in the new Ag Weed Study guide.

Thia said that Scott Armbrust is a good resource for the Wood Destroying Study guide.

***Current status of Pesticides and Marijuana:***

John Scott, (CDA)

CDA will maintain a list of products that will not be a violation to use on marijuana. CDA will be developing this list based on criteria derived from discussions with EPA. Criteria are based on label language that is broad enough that the product can be used on marijuana plants. Products that are tolerance exempt is another consideration CDA has proposed.

CDA will begin producing WPS overview training courses to the marijuana industry starting in April. Courses will be conducted in May and June as well. CDA will begin routine WPS and Use inspections and compliance assistance meetings in July 2015.

The City of Denver Environmental Health Department has, during routine Health Inspections, identified potential marijuana contamination with pesticides. They are now referring these issues to CDA for investigations into potential misuse of pesticides.

**Sunset Update**

*John Scott, (CDA)*

The current status of the PAA bill was that the House representative put forth a recommendation of 4 ½ years. DORA and CDA were not supportive of this, but it did pass to 7 years.

John Scott commented that the provisions that were put forward in the House version will result in additions to the Pesticide Advisory Committee. There will be one from the Organic Growers, one beekeeper, someone from the Urban Ag Production and someone from the Limited Public industry. In addition the Limited Commercial and Private Applicator training provision was added back in. The CDA currently is not opposing any of the House amendments

The Sunset Bill must be finalized before the session ends on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There could still be additional changes and the CDA will keep the PAC updated as we know more.

With no further discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.