



Plant Industry Division September 2, 2015  
Board Update

EPA, PCO staff are working on pesticide list for medical marijuana (MM). We have created a new web page which houses the list of current pesticide not illegal for use on MM. Staff is in communication with the health division and MM business owners to determine additional pesticides over time.

Chemistry staff is preparing lab and equipment for holding MM and testing residue and THC levels. We have completed the application with the DEA to allow NDA to obtain hemp seed and for clearance to store MM and seed.

EPA, PCO and entomology staff are attending pollinator meetings and working on a pollinator plan (in depth update by Chuck Moses).

Entomology is collecting and identifying insects near Gerlach in response to Burning Man participant concern.

Administration staff is working on updating NACs in response to session end requirements. These include:

1. - Title 49 - Implement the Industrial Hemp Research regulations. SB 305.
2. Chapter 555 – Amend the pesticide control licensing regulations to protect the public and the environment. NRS 555.
3. Chapter 576 – Adopt the regulations necessary to clarify Producer’s Certificates and Vendor Certificates. AB 77 and NRS 576.
4. Chapter 453A – Implement the regulations required for the Department to perform its statutory functions regarding Medical Marijuana. SB 447.
5. Chapter 588 – Adopt by reference the American Association of Plant Food Control Officials handbook for fertilizer standards. AB 77.
6. Chapter 555 - Formally adopt the North American Invasive Species Management Association guidelines for our Weed Free Certification program. AB 77 section 23.
7. Chapter 576 – Create Pesticide Free Certification regulations

Current and future open positions which may be filled by the time of the board meeting include: nursery program manager, rangeland health program manager, and Ag inspector II.

We have filled the open Ag II position in Las Vegas by hiring Nick Bieser.

On line process: ongoing bug fixes for pesticide registration; working on PCO licensing and testing: this is on hold until the online feed registration is completed.

Nursery licensing is complete for the year.

Noxious Weed Program is sponsoring and hosting a medusa head symposium on October 26-29 in conjunction with the Nevada Weed Management Association meeting.



The transition to close the organic program is progressing. We successfully completed a National Organic Program audit in August. (In-depth update by Robert Little).

Onion and garlic survey are complete. Roughly 800 acres of garlic and 3700 acres of onions were surveyed this year.