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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2013
To: Board
From: Henry Jennings
Subject: Ideas for Providing Technical Support to Municipalities Considering Pesticide Ordinances and/or Policies

At the January 18 and March 1, 2013, meetings, the Board discussed the appropriate staff role in relation to municipalities that are considering adoption of pesticide ordinances and/or policies. Some members of the regulated community have advocated for the staff to be present at municipal meetings where such matters are being discussed in order to address any inaccurate information about pesticides that may be presented.

Based on discussions with the staff, Board, and Department management, a consensus has emerged whereby the staff will provide technical information about pesticide law to municipal officials and other interested parties, but refrain from participating in meetings where municipal policy discussions take place. Accordingly, the staff proposes to take following steps.

1. Develop a municipality page for the BPC website which would include the following information:
 - a. The statutory requirements that municipalities must take to lawfully adopt an ordinance
 - b. The list of current municipal ordinances, with a brief summary of each and scanned copies of the ordinances as submitted to the BPC
 - c. Key legal definitions
 - d. A brief summary of current state and federal pesticide law
 - e. Links to state and federal pesticide laws
 - f. Relevant Best Management Practices
 - g. Links to Pest Management Information
2. Offer to make presentations to organizations of municipal officials
3. As resources allow, offer to meet with municipal officials to provide technical information on pesticides
4. Respond to technical inquiries – preferably in writing – to allow for a collaborative response

The staff welcomes further input on the subject since this is important issue that's been generating significant interest recently.