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West Nile Virus Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2014

Members in attendance

- Lars Eisen
- Dana Kunze
- Boris Kondratieff
- Adrienne LeBailly
- Eric Levine
- Greg McMaster
- Chet Moore
- Meghan Williams
- Liz Pruessner
- Roger Nasci

Staff in attendance

- Mike Calhoon
- Tess Heffernan
- Matt Parker
- Dan Weinheimer
- Pamela Weir
- David Young

Colorado Mosquito Control Rep

- Jessica Schurich

Introductions

- Approved 3.5.14 meeting minutes
- Likely that the next WNV agenda item will be moved to the May 6th Regular Meeting

City Council Direction

- Diverse voices – completed
- Program Manual- ongoing
- Review guidelines - ongoing

TAC Work Items

- Debrief the 3/25 Council Work Session
- Prioritize remaining work

Council Work Session Debrief

- Overall the TAC felt the session went well; there was general support for consensus items
- The TAC indicated they would like staff to more clearly outline the pros and cons of the non-consensus items
- TAC members agreed that when sharing opinions and sending materials to Council as individuals they need to be sure to specify that they do not represent the views of the entire Committee.
- Staff and the TAC will need to create a matrix of policy options to present to Council at the next Regular meeting
- All members of the TAC support the City creating an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator position, expanding communication efforts particularly with Home Owners' Associations, and expanding the larval management component of the program.

Remaining Issues

- Four key issues remain high priorities: Zones, Opt-Out Program, Program Response Guidelines, and Program Manual
- Considerations for a zone approach
 - Examine historical data to determine what adulticide operations would have looked like in past years had the City implemented a zone approach
 - Fixed or floating zones: floating zones could minimize the area needing to be sprayed but pose additional challenges to timely public notification and spray operations
 - Design may be based on ecology, hot spots, or convenient spray truck routes
- Considerations for an Opt-out list
 - A single home that opts out of the adulticide application impacts its surrounding neighborhood
 - The TAC questioned whether neighbors of those who opt out of spraying would need to be required to participate in education programs or backyard inspections
 - The TAC is interested in the total cost to businesses like urban farms who rely on having organic produce if the City has to spray
 - Organic pesticides may be an option, but are more expensive and carry the same cautions as synthetic pesticides
- Considerations for the Program Response Guidelines
 - There is no consensus regarding the "and/or" issue. Indicators discussed include: human cases, weather events, and time of year
 - The TAC would like information regarding years that the City did not apply adulticide due to a low vector index but there were still significant human cases of WNV
 - The TAC indicated interest in hearing directly about the experiences of the Advisory Panel members to see if there are ways to improve the process

Next meeting

- April 2nd: Outline the pros and cons of a zone approach and opt-out list, address outstanding issues regarding the program guidelines and advisory panel