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Dear Workgroup Members,

Thank you for a productive meeting on October 11th. We appreciate efforts of the workgroup members who contributed to the meeting. Most of the workgroup was able to participate, either in person or by teleconference. We are working to ensure that we have better functioning teleconferencing equipment for our next meeting,

As you already know, the full PPDC recommended forming 4 new groups:

- 1) Labeling
- 2) Best Management Practices (BMP's)
- 3) Communication/Training/Education
- 4) Enforcement

The list of action items for each of the subgroups is substantial. To make progress, we request that each of you:

- 1) **Decide** which group you'd like to be a part of,
- 2) **Choose** a lead and co-lead for each of the groups, and
- 3) **Set up a meeting** for your group in advance of the next full WG meeting in early December.

From the meeting minutes, the next steps include action items for each of the four new subgroups are listed below, at the bottom of this email.

A meeting of the Full WG will be scheduled for the first or second week of December. Soon an email will be sent to each of you allowing you to choose your preferred meeting day and time.

In order to ensure that we have a productive next WG meeting, a draft agenda is proposed below:

The purpose of that meeting will be to:

- (i) discuss the next steps (actions and timing)
- (ii) confirm subgroup composition,
- (iii) identify subgroup co-leaders,
- (iv) other items raised by the WG members

Thanks again for your active participation in the workgroup. We look forward to our meeting after Thanksgiving.

The workgroup meeting was a fantastic start and led to productive discussion and feedback from the PPDC. We plan to convene a follow-up workgroup meeting in early December, and to move quickly on the action items identified by the full PPDC at the meeting on October 12 (see attachment). In short, let's keep the momentum going!

Sincerely,

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1.

Next Steps Identified for the PPDC WG on Pollinator Protection

Members of the PPDC WG on Pollinator Protection presented to the full PPDC. Next steps for the WG were then discussed and decided upon. Action items were identified for each subgroup. A progress report and case studies will need to be presented at the next full PPDC meeting, anticipated to be held in the spring of 2012.

1 Labeling

- Survey current label statements
- Assess difficulties/shortcomings of the current label language(s) to protect
- Investigate other interpretations of pesticide label language (Minn. court case)
- Identify gaps in the label language
 - Intersect with the Enforcement subgroup

2 Best Management Practices (BMP's)

- Draw Together Existing BMP Materials and Efforts
 - Identify, and gather existing BMP resources (CDPR, Washington State, others)
 - Look into current efforts such as through NRCS, or the Xerces Society
 - Consolidate, update and vet existing materials
 - Integrate international BMP or risk management efforts (OECA, NAFTA or others) into this effort.
- Find and examine case studies of BMPs
 - Case study where the crop is dependent upon pollinators
 - Case study where the crop is not dependent upon pollinators
- Investigate Bee Registries
 - Suggested to form a separate group to look into the different Registry models
 - Pros/cons/costs, etc.
 - Identify case studies to examine costs, mechanics, etc.

3 Communication/Training/Education

- Identify existing training and education materials (NAPPC, CDPR)
- Perform a gap analysis of between what already exists and what may be considered model training material.
 - Link to BMP Subgroup

4 Enforcement

- Identify systems of enforcement at state and federal levels
- Create a survey of guidance on investigations.
- Look into models for rapid dissemination of information (CDC, others)
- Reach out for OECA participation and guidance
- Reach out for SFIREG participation and guidance