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Denver Water Board reduces water restrictions to Stage 1

Effective June 26, 3 day-a-week watering rules are in effect. For more info go to <http://www.denverwater.org/AboutUs/PressRoom/09EFBB44-0D5B-7EFF-49B9855FB75B79F6/>

E-Licensing coming soon

by Steve Blunt, CDA

Some of you may have heard rumors that changes are coming about how Colorado Department of Ag licenses pesticide applicator businesses and individuals. It is true, CDA has committed to change how we conduct our licensing programs. The E-licensing System will affect almost every aspect of how the Department issues licenses/permits/registrations, including pesticide registrations, pesticide applicator businesses, Qualified Supervisors/Certified Operators, Nursery registrations, Seed registrations and many others.

The E-Licensing or CAVU conversion started in March 2013 with the CAVU business analysis interviewing program managers in order to understand CDA's business processes and laws and regulations. The CAVU project will take about 18 months to complete, start to finish. Several other state agencies have already successfully completed similar conversions.

The CAVU System will be very interactive with the regulated community (applicators, nurserymen, etc) and will enable CDA to enter a new technological era. Once CAVU is implemented, individuals and businesses will be able to go **ONLINE** and:

- *Apply for a business license
- *Apply for a Qualified Supervisor/Certified Operator license
- *Check license status
- *Check your CEC status
- *Renew your business license
- *Renew your QS or CO or Private Applicator License
- *Check upcoming CEC workshops
- *Get plastic license cards

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President's Message

Brad Weisensee

Hello! I would like to take the time to encourage everyone to stay in tune with all the happenings around the green industry. More laws are being created every year and new regulations imposed. We need to stay vigilant with promoting a positive image of our industry and informing the public on all the good things we offer.

On a lighter note there will be a couple of board positions available in September if anyone is interested. For more information please contact one of the board members or Donna Ralston. We meet five or six times a year and is a good group of people to work with.

Wishing you a productive season!

*Use plastic license cards for workshop attendance verification

*Do other things we haven't even thought of yet

CDA will start issuing new plastic license cards within the next few months as soon as CDA completes a few more tests. CDA will start issuing plastic license cards to new licensees and to individuals who are renewing their licenses or who test/upgrade/add categories. It could take up to 3 years to convert all of the licensed applicators to plastic licenses.

Changes to the Pesticide Applicator Rules and Regulations

Periodically CDA needs to change or clarify the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Administration and Enforcement of the Colorado Pesticide Applicators' Act.

A summary of the Rules changes are:

Parts 2.15 and 2.16 have been amended to clarify when solicitations to subcontract incidental pesticide applications can be made by a business that is not acting as and is not licensed as a commercial applicator.

Part 2.60 is a new Rule defining the Private Applicator category and license purpose.

Part 6.03(k) creates a new Rule to require applicators to maintain a record of any active Endangered Species Bulletin.

Part 7.05 has been amended to exempt Endangered Species bulletins from the requirement that the applicator must have the pesticide label at the application site.

Parts 8, 9 and 10 are amended to add the numeric category reference to each pesticide licensure category.

Parts 8.01(f)(g) and (h) have been amended to clarify which pests may be treated under these categories.

Rule 8.01(f) Forest Pest Control category description has been amended to allow the application of pesticides to control pests "except vertebrates" (prairie dogs, moles, voles, etc.) as similarly stated in Public Health Pest Control Category.

Rule 8.01(g) Rangeland Pest Control category description has been amended to allow the application of pesticides to control pests "except vertebrates" (prairie dogs, moles, voles, etc.) as similarly stated in Public Health Pest Control Category.

Part 8.01(h), Aquatic Pest Control category description has been amended to allow pesticide applications to control fish and amphibian pests in water.

Part 10.01(b), Outdoor Vertebrate Pest Control category description has been amended to remove the application of pesticides to control fish and amphibians.

Part 10.01(d) has been amended to correctly state the licensure category as Residential / Commercial Pest Control not "household pest control" as previously stated.

Part 15.05 is a new Rule that requires licensure for the use of any device that generates / produces a pesticide as defined in the Pesticide Applicators' Act to help ensure public safety, by requiring applicators have proper training and licensing to use any device for hire that produces a pesticide. In addition, this Rule requires the applicator to use the device in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

CDA will distribute information about the Rules changes through inspections and continuing education credit workshops.

Sunset/Sunrise Review by DORA

The Colorado Pesticide Applicator's Act (PAA) is scheduled to be repealed or "sunset" July 1, 2015. Prior to the actual "Sunset" of the PAA, the Department of Regulatory Affairs is required to review the regulatory functions of the PAA to determine if the regulation is needed. THE CDA and PAA have been through this process many times during the life span of the PAA.

The "Sunset Review" process is very thorough and is quite lengthy. DORA is scheduled to begin the review in November 2013 and have the review completed in Oct. 2014. Some of the things DORA considers are:

***whether** regulation by the agency is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare; whether the conditions which led to the initial regulation have changed; and whether other conditions have risen which would warrant more, less or the same degree of regulation.

***if** regulation is necessary, whether the existing statutes and regulations establish the least restrictive form of regulation consistent with the public interest, considering other available regulatory mechanisms and whether agency rules enhance the public interest and are within the scope of legislative intent.

***whether** the agency (CDA) operates in the public interest and whether its operation is impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, rules, procedures and practices and any other circumstances, including budgetary, resource and personnel matters.

***whether** an analysis of agency operations indicates that the agency performs its statutory duties efficiently and effectively.

***whether** the composition of the agency's board or commission adequately represents the public interest and whether the agency encourages public participation in its decision rather than participation only by the people it regulates.

***the** economic impact of regulation and if national economic information is not available, whether the agency stimulates or restricts competition.

***whether** complaint, investigation and disciplinary procedures adequately protect the public and whether final dispositions of complaints are in the public interest or self-serving to the profession.

***whether** the scope of practice of the regulated occupation contributes to the optimum utilization of personnel and whether entry requirements encourage affirmative action.

***whether** administrative and statutory changes are necessary to improve agency operations to enhance the public interest.

CDA's Tips for On-Line Exam Application Process

CSU Extension and CDA successfully launched several remote computer based pesticide applicator testing sites throughout Colorado for individuals wishing to take the qualified supervisor and certified operator pesticide applicator exams. CDA is aware that some individuals have had problems with the ON-Line Exam Application process. Here are some tips that might help you through the process:

*The recommended web browser is **Internet Explorer**

*The **MOST** important thing is to be **PATIENT** as this is a multi-step process

*You will need to complete an Online Exam Application prior to taking an exam

*CDA must approve your application **BEFORE** you can proceed to the next

step

*CDA approves On-Line Exam Applications Monday –Friday (no holidays)

*Please **WAIT** for the E-mail from CDA that contains/confirms your applicator ID number before clicking on the Metro Sign Up web link.

*You will be prompted to create a Metro User Account, this page will ask for some of the same information that the On-Line Exam Application requires. The On-Line Exam application is NOT the same as the Metro User Account.

*Save or Archive all E-mails containing information about testing, including confirming emails from CDA and Metro, and Metro Account emails with a user name and password.

*You need to complete an On-Line Application once, not every time you want to schedule an exam or test.

Please contact Steve Blunt (CDA Pesticide Applicator Program coordinator at 303 239-4178 or by email: steve.blunt@state.co.us if you have any questions regarding pesticide applicator testing.

CSU Shortcourse

The 9th biennial Short Course series of classes will be held Friday, July 12 at the PERC Center on the CSU Campus with classes outdoors in the morning and in CSU classrooms in the afternoon. The early bird deadline to register was June 20, but reservations will be accepted (unless classes are filled) until July 5. Cost is \$69 including lunch. Registration is done by Eventbrite using this link: <http://csushort-course2013.eventbrite.com> Accepted registrants will receive a confirmation email. Call 970 491-7019 with questions.

Legislative Day-On-The-Hill

CALCP will again send 2 reps to participate in the PLANET Legislative Day-on-the-Hill July 21-23 in Washington DC. Tom Lynch, V. President (Swingle Tree, Lawn & Landscape), and Eric Moroski, GreenCO president, (Weisburg Landscape Co) will travel to DC to participate in the Renewal and Remembrance program at Arlington Cemetery and to meet with legislators to discuss national issues that affect the lawn care industry.

Watch for their reports in the next newsletter.

Legal Shield-CALCP benefit

CALCP has partnered with Legal Shield to provide members who choose to participate with 24/7 legal advice for personal as well as business issues. Last year LegalShield provider law firms responded to over 2 million member calls about everyday life and business events including:

Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant Issues and Short Sales and Foreclosures - Consumer Finance - Family Law - Traffic Issues - Collections - ID theft related and thousands of business request from 40,000 small business members.

David Quackenbush, the only authorized CALCP representative, will personally review your requirements and the options available to you, your family, your business, and employees. Call David today at **303 766-3656** or go to www.lawncarecolorado.org.



GreenCO Pesticide Taskforce

The taskforce that has been meeting for 2-3 years met on June 6 to discuss the next steps for this group in our fight for responsible disease, insect and weed control measures/IPM programs/ and addressing the public's concerns/pressures to phase out pesticide use.

A proposal from Sigler Communications included two major projects: to research opportunities to present our pesticide safety program, line up speakers and do follow up articles in their trade journals to other associations including CAI (Colorado Homeowner Associations), BOMA (Building Owner & Managers Association), Col. Parks & Rec Association, realtors, AAMD (Apartment Association of Metro Denver), a hotel group, Col. Association of School Boards, etc; **and** to develop an animated 5-6 slide graphic that provides simple, clear messaging which could be used in customer communications, presentations and websites with co-branding for the GreenCO member groups.

The total cost of these 2 projects is \$9000 and CALCP board of directors voted recently via email to spend up to half of this amount to see these projects through to completion. Work should begin soon and deliverables will be ready by early fall.

The board felt this is one issue that CALCP should be spending money on as we continue to work on public opinion about the safety of pesticides and practices of qualified applicators. We can be and must continue to prove that we are a safe industry. Every technician who makes a mistake and doesn't use standard precautions on an every day basis puts the industry at risk. We must be diligent in our education efforts to stop the fears being proposed by environmentalists that are aimed at scaring the public. We have EPA, Col. Dept. of Ag, manufacturing companies research, testing and licensing on our side. Let's work every day to keep the standards high, the environment safe and our workers educated.

Calendar of Events

July 9-GreenCO board meeting at CNGA offices, Call 303 758-6672.

July 21-23—PLANET Legislative Day on-the-Hill in Wash. DC. Call 303 850-7587.

July 22-Renewal & Remembrance at Arlington Cemetery. Call 303 850-7587.

July 25 –11:30 a.m. CALCP Board meeting and Spring Training Conference planning at Stockyard Saloon. Call 303 850-7587.

July 29-CSU Trial Gardens evaluation all day at CSU Campus.

Aug. 15-3 to 5:00 p.m. CNGA Plant Walk at The Broadmoor Resort in Col. Springs. Call 303 758-6672.

Sept. 19, 11:30 to 2:30. CNGA Women in Horticulture luncheon at Lakewood Country Club. Open to any GreenCO member. Call 303 758-6672.

Sept. 19-3:00-7:30 p.m. CALCP Board meeting and Annual Meeting with dinner at TBD. Call 303 850-7587.

Sept. 23 Noon shotgun. CNGA Golf Tournament at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course, Castle Rock. Open to any GreenCO member. Call 303 758-6672.

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Half of what you worry about never happens...and the other half happens for the best.

If you trust, you don't worry; if you worry, you don't trust.

Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night.

Wrinkled with care and worry? Get your faith lifted.

Most problems could be solved in the time spent worrying about them.

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.

Don't trouble trouble, till it troubles you.

Worry doesn't empty tomorrow of its problems; it simply empties today of its strength.