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Washington DC:

Tom Lynch and Eric Moroski were delegates to the NALP Day On The Hill event on July 10-12. See their article on page 3.

President's Message

Rick Roehm

As a society, we're surrounded by artists. Public art is everywhere...on the way to the airport, at the light rail stops, the zoo and even under many viaducts and highway overpasses. Three out of four weekends a month from May through September, one can find some kind of art festival/show or exhibition somewhere in Denver and beyond. And artists are everywhere. The symphony hall, the golf course, the studios along Santa Fe Drive in Denver. There is usually at least one guy playing a guitar or beating a plastic pail with a coin plate in front of him every time I walk the 16th street mall. Subway describes their employees as sandwich artists. A guy named Jordan was an artist with a rubber ball and a ten foot hoop. You see my point.

How many of us consider what we do to be art? I don't really. Selling products, finding opportunities and filling needs, while gratifying enough, is more like following a script. Close. But not quite enough to get my work in the Met or the real measurement, on the cover of New Yorker magazine. I see the vendors and CALCP as the watercolors, the violin, the clay or the bread, black forest ham and mustard that the real artists use to create the piece.

That's you folks. Artists. Really? Mowing grass? Changing sprinkler heads? Killing weeds? Yea...and the final piece is a pleasing landscape, a satisfied (and paying) customer and an admiring audience. It may be hard to see some of these sites as art pieces. But try. Remember too that no art happened quickly. A lot of effort goes into that song, that sculpture,cont. Page 5

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EAB update

July 9, 2016

The Colorado EAB Response Team is comprised of members from the following agencies/organizations: Boulder County, City of Boulder, Colorado Dept. of Ag, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University Extension, Colorado Tree Coalition, Green Industries of Colorado, University of Colorado, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and various Front Range Municipalities.

Emerald Ash Borer has now been detected in the City of Longmont. Boulder County surveys for EAB-infested ash trees continue for the 2016 season. The entire City of Boulder is presumed infested. EAB has been detected in one location in Longmont, but many other trees in the city are likely already infested and we anticipate other detections in the near future.

Adult EAB beetles are flying in Boulder and Longmont. First sign of adults was May 23 in Boulder. The adult flight period is estimated to last until mid-to late August with a peak in early to mid-June.

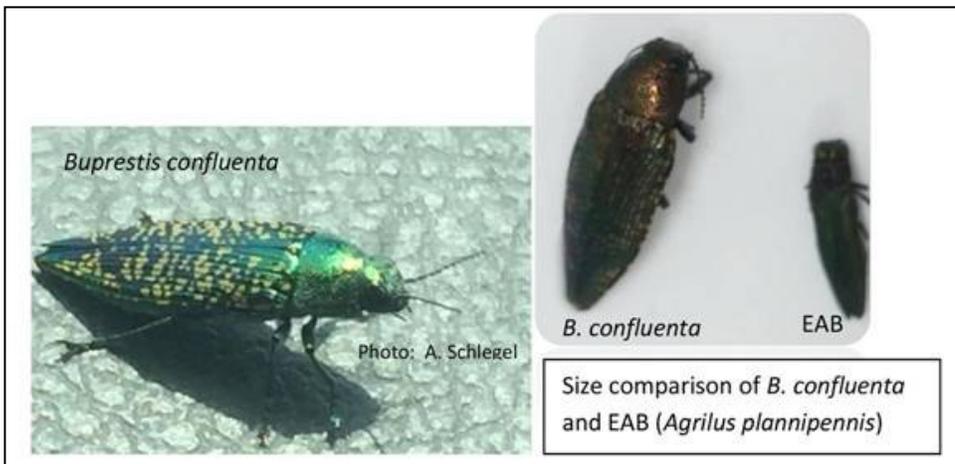
Be aware of EAB imposters! Other insects like lilac/ash borer, ash bark beetle and flat headed apple tree borer may look like EAB or cause similar tree symptoms. For more information, visit www.eabcolorado.com.

One of the most common reports to the EAB hotline describing “I saw an EAB” have actually been the gold dust buprestid, *Buprestis confluenta*. This is an indigenous beetle that has been reported on Populus species (aspen & cottonwood). There is a great write up on *B.confluenta* at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3833855.pdf

Cut and paste the URL into your browser.

See comparison in photo below.

Article from the Col. Dept. of Ag newsletter 7.7.16



CALCP annual meeting

The annual meeting for CALCP will be held on Thursday, September 29 with a guided tour of newly renovated Union Station in downtown Denver starting at 4:45 p.m.. This will be the first meeting with the new Executive Director so come to meet him/her and say hello.

Anyone may join the group for the tour but reservations are required for the meal to be held at the Lucky Pie pizza restaurant at 1610 16th St., Denver. Meal is Dutch Treat and order from the menu starting at 6:30. The annual meeting will follow immediately and finish by 8:00 p.m.

Since parking is a hassle and expensive, we strongly suggest you park at a lite rail station and ride into the Union Station complex. We will meet for the tour where the lite rail disembarks on the west side of the Union Station platform under the canopy to the south end (where the shuttle buses load).

The regular board meeting will precede the tour from 2:00 to 4:30 in the Lucky Pie pizza restaurant, at 1610 16th St.

Reservations needed by Monday, September 26.

Washington DC report

2016 was a special year for NALP Renewal and Remembrance and Legislative Day on the Hill – it marked the 20th year of the Green Industry serving our nations veterans at Arlington and serving our constituents on the Hill. CALCP plays a very important role sending members, usually 2 or 3, every year to support the cause of the Green Industry. Tom Lynch and Eric Moroski were the attendees this year and they couldn't have been more thrilled to participate in this annual program. They both have gone several times now and have really dialed in on the Hill visits. They do not take it for granted and they thank each and every one of you for the opportunity. The next couple of paragraphs are explained by Tom and Eric as to how this year unfolded. They also thank Kristen Fefes (ALCC Exec. Director) who organizes the Colorado delegation year after year to ensure that meetings take place with the 7 representatives and 2 senators from the best state in the union.

Renewal and Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery:

The volunteers poured out of the buses, over 400 of us, to serve in fertilizing, arborist work with lightening protection and pruning, aerating, irrigation and planting trees and flowers. Every year there has been a youth program where kids of volunteers get to participate in garden planting and it puts a smile on everyone's face to see the children work for the fallen. Every year that we can remember we spread lime across vast sections of the cemetery – something we are all unfamiliar with unless you are from the 'other side of the Mississippi' where soils are more acidic than this side. Lime (and the carrier molasses) goes down heavy so there is a lot of sweating to spread the pallets. However, this year was different - the pH of the soils showed that lime was not needed so we used 0-46-0 instead at a 2#/1000 rate. Considering it was phosphate a team had to tape off all street drains before spreading and we were instructed to

try our best to keep off hard surfaces. The usual 4-5 hours of volunteering was accomplished in 2-3 hours because of the lower rate. The CALCP members who have gone to Arlington over the years give thanks to many of the CALCP members who volunteer on April 22nd at Riverside Cemetery each year – there is a very special connection there.

Legislative Day on the Hill:

Since this is an election year, to quote most office staffers, nothing is going to be done. Pretty cynical but unfortunately true. We have actually been dealing with that same situation the past several years with our stalled congress. That does not mean we don't show up each year – it is important to have that face time consistently. This year we focused on 2 issues: H2B legislation and EPA overreach.

H2B – Many members of CALCP use the seasonal work visa program known as H2B. For years H2B has been tied to immigration policy and the past couple of years we have worked hard to separate H2B, which is really a labor issue, from immigration. Colorado is the 2nd highest user of H2B and our representatives and senators hear that loud and clear as this issue completely crosses political lines; that is the power of business. There are 2 house bills and one senate bill to extend the returning worker exemption and also to use local, private wage studies instead of the federal prevailing wage that it uses now. NALP and ALCC are watching closely so if you do receive instructions to contact your member of congress in the next several months regarding these 3 bills, please act as it all makes a difference.

EPA overreach – although there is no 'bill' currently that deals with the EPA we all know too well that executive action can

push the agenda and as of late the current agenda does not use sound science and disregards businesses around the country. We emphasized to all of the 9 congressional visits on Tuesday to call upon NALP members and Green Industry businesses across the country when this sound science is needed.

Since there were only a couple of issues to go over we added a few more conversations including water policy in Colorado, neonics/pollinator truth and fiction and an overall lack of American labor in our workforce (which emphasized H2B again).

A highlight was the visit to Doug Lamborn's office to meet his legislative director but got a surprise when Doug popped out of his office to cast a vote and shook our hands and thanked us (he was moving too quick to get a picture). To add to that is the office staffers seem to have very little turnover so when meeting with them there is a very familiar and friendly atmosphere.

To summarize the annual tradition in one sentence that rings true with anyone who spends money in his or her business; it is money well spent on behalf of the CALCP budget each and every year to make certain that the 'little guy' is heard. Thank you again.

Eric Moroski and Tom Lynch

**Remember to keep
your crews
hydrated in this
hot summer!**

Photos from DC: Eric spreading fertilizer in Arlington, the Tomb of the Unknown soldier, and a huge Water Oak tree.



CDA Actions & Honeybee Enemy #1

July 11, 2016

BROOMFIELD, Colo. – Pollinators, such as bees, wasps, and butterflies, are critical to the food system and ecosystem. The Colorado Department of Agriculture is taking part in a national effort to protect the pollinators and priorities are placed in two areas based on legislative mandates:

1. Pesticide application in a manner safe to the public and the environment as mandated by the Pesticide Applicator Act and the Pesticide Act and;
2. Honeybee health as mandated by the Bee and Bee Products Act.

The lesser known Bee and Bee Products Act mandates that the Department focuses on pests and diseases affecting commercial and managed honeybee hives. To help understand the parasites and pathogens that attack honeybees, CDA is taking part in the National Honey Bee Health Survey. The survey documents the presence or absence of bee diseases, parasites and pests of honey bees. The survey also samples pollen for the presence of over 174 pesticides. Colorado has taken part in the survey since 2011 and the data we are collecting is helping us to understand the major issues facing honeybee health.

While still in the early phases, the results are shedding light on the fact that honeybee colonies in Colorado are fighting the same parasite and disease issues as the rest of the colonies in the United States. Management of these parasites is crucial to the sustainability of managed honeybees. Honeybee hives were sampled across the state in Alamosa, Arapahoe, Boulder, Delta, Denver, Dolores, Eagle, El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, Jefferson, Kit Carson, Larimer, Montrose, Mesa and Pueblo Counties.

Varroa mite, considered to be honeybee enemy number one, was present in 80 percent of the hives sampled to date. Varroa mites are parasitic animals that feed on the hemolymph (blood) of bees. Not only do Varroa mites cause injury to a honeybee by itself, they are also responsible for vectoring several honeybee virus diseases. If left untreated, Varroa mites can kill a colony in two or three years. In fact, 95 percent of all the honeybee colonies sampled contained at least one of the four viruses vectored by Varroa mite.

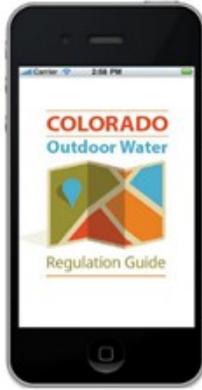
In addition to Varroa mites and viruses, a honeybee pathogen called *Nosema ceranae* was also present in Colorado. Nosema causes diarrhea in honeybees and was found in 43 percent of the hives sampled in the state.

CDA also participated in the National Honey Bee Health Survey by collecting pollen for pesticide residue analysis. The most common types of pesticides found nationally and in Colorado are pesticides used by beekeepers to treat Varroa mites and Nosema disease.

Complete survey results for all 32 states that participated in the National Honey Bee Survey can be viewed at <https://beeinformed.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/2013-2014-NHBS-Report.pdf>

CDA is committed to participating in the National Honeybee Health Survey, to further our understanding and strengthen the data so that we can make meaningful decisions toward protecting the future of pollinators in the State.

Water Smart Phone App



The app is available to download onto your phone or tablet and has info from the following cities concerning water restrictions, permits and other info you might find helpful in the field this season. Go to <http://m.h2oregsco.org> or in your app store or Android store search for **H2Oregsco**.

Aurora

Colorado Springs Utilities (City of Colorado Springs)

Denver Water (Denver and some surrounding cities)

City of Fountain

City of Thornton

City of Greeley

Town of Castle Rock

Centennial Water and Sanitation District

Loveland Water and Power

City of Fort Collins

Those working on entering it include:

City of Boulder

Pueblo

Town of Breckenridge

Grand Junction and surrounding cities

Planned cities include:

Parker, Englewood, and others.

Pres. Message from page 1.....

that mural on the side of the restaurant that most of us enjoy. Some of the graffiti I see looks as if it took a bit of planning and forethought. Maybe it should have been directed elsewhere, but it did take planning.

So try to observe your work as art and yourselves as artists and perhaps that'll make 90 plus degree days in July more tolerable.

Have a good rest of the season.
Rick Roehm July 2016.

Calendar of Events:

July 28—CALCP Board meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the US Bank on 38th St. west of Federal St., Denver. Call 303 850-7587.

August 1—deadline for responses to RFP for new Executive Director. Call 303 850-7587.

August 2 & 3—GreenCo PAC interviews of candidates running for election from 8 to 4:00 p.m. Call 303 758-6672 for locations.

Sept. 29—CALCP annual meeting at the Lucky Pie Pizza Restaurant, 1610 16th St., Denver. Call 303 850-7587.

Sept. 30—last day for Donna Ralston as Executive Director of CALCP.

February 6-10, 2017—ProGreen Expo at the CCC, Denver.

March 7 & 8, 2017—STC at The Ramada Plaza Hotel at I-25 & 120th St.



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Arrive 2 to 5 minutes ahead of time.