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CALCP changes name

The Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals board of Directors recently changed the name of the organization to the

Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals.

This effort is in response to be more inclusive in our name of all the members of our organization. At least 40% of our members do tree work and have arborists on staff, so the new name more accurately acclaims that membership base.

This necessitated making changes to our bank accounts, CD's, credit card, paperwork with the Colorado Secretary of State, the IRS, and most visibly to our website and a new logo. These changes are in process. Watch for more info in mid-Sept. and come to the annual meeting on Sept. 18 at the DBG to vote on the new logo, changes to the by-laws & election of officers for 2014-15. See attached flyer.

President's Message

Tom Lynch

Big changes are coming! CALCP has undergone a name change. The new name will be Colorado Arborists & Lawn Care Professionals. The acronym remains the same. We will still be known as CALCP, but, in an effort to attract and represent a larger portion of the green industry, the association board members voted to make a slight change in our name to reflect the broader scope of work that our member companies actually perform. A new logo is being designed at this time as well. The CALCP board remains the same and as always will represent our members in all matters as it applies to the green industry.

Coloradans for Responsible Pesticide Application, a coalition of industry boards from agri-business, pest control, aerial applicators and lawn and tree applicators, has been formed to represent all licensed pesticide applicators in Colorado against proposed legislation on our industries. CALCP board members Thia Walker, Donna Ralston and I have joined the combined effort to have our voice heard from DORA and represented at the state house as new and intrusive legislation on applicators is introduced in the upcoming legislative session this fall. Much of the proposed reform being presented by anti pesticide groups could have a dramatic impact on our businesses. The CALCP board is committed to keeping you informed and your financial interests represented.

Enjoy the summer! Stay cool, stay hydrated and stay safe!

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Bee Advisory Box

Paul Pilon, editor of Ball Publishing's *Perennial Pulse*, recently updated us on the EPA's new Bee Advisory Box, which you'll start seeing on pesticide labels in the future. Here's what Paul says:

As most growers already know, the use of certain insecticides and their effects on pollinators has been under scrutiny as of late. The full impact of neonicotinoids on bees and other insect pollinators is yet to be determined. In an effort to protect pollinators, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will require a new Bee Advisory Box (also referred as "the bee box") on future pesticide labels.

The EPA bee advisory box makes it clear that the pesticide can kill bees and other pollinators when not used according to directions, and it provides users with specific guidelines/restrictions to minimize exposure of the active ingredients to pollinators. The main steps applicators can take to minimize exposure to bees and other insect pollinators is to avoid making applications when they are foraging on flowering plants and to minimize drift of these products.

As of today, I'm not aware of any products with updated labels containing the new bee advisory box. However, the updated labels are just around the corner and will begin to make their appearance as new neonicotinoids are manufactured. But these aren't the only products under scrutiny. All pesticides applied outdoors will likely be looked at more closely to determine their potential effects on pollinators. If warranted, the new EPA bee advisory box will likely be added to the labels of other chemistries as well.

Currently, science is telling us that there are many causes for the decline in pollinators and exposure to pesticides is only one of them. Plus, the extent to which neonics and other pesticides are affecting bees is yet to be determined. Still, the bee box is aimed at protecting pollinators and is likely here to stay. Look for it on future pesticide labels and do your part to protect pollinators by following the restrictions and use guidelines on these labels.

Copied from GreenTalks, a newsletter produced by Grower Talks & Green Profit magazines on 5/27/14.

CALCP Annual Meeting

The Col. Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals will hold our annual meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Denver Botanic Gardens with a tour at 3:00 p.m. The board meeting will follow from 4:00 to 6:00. The annual meeting will commence with dinner at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will adopt the new by-laws, a new logo to represent our new name and conduct the required business of reading of the minutes from last year's meeting, election of officers, and treasurer's report. **Reservations are REQUIRED by Wed. Sept. 10. See flyer.**

SouthWest Green Industry Meeting

A joint get together with all members of all segments of the green industry is planned for Friday, Sept. 19 at the Four Seasons Greenhouse & Nursery, 26650 Road P, Delores, Co. Behind the scenes tour is from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and food, drinks & fun from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Anyone in the area is invited to join in for a social gathering. Reservations are requested by calling the CALCP office at 303 850-7587.

Southwest Green Expo

Join this recycling Expo on Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 23 & 24th at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, Co. Info and presentations will be given on recycling items such as magazines, junk mail, office paper, phone books, brown paper bags, newspapers, plastic 1-7, flattened cardboard, aluminum cans, foil, pie tins, paperboard, steel cans, and empty aerosol cans that can be recycled in the single stream process.

If you are interested contact Kay Griffith at kgriffith@bcimedia.com or call her at 970-375-4504.

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