

## **Program Team: Pest Management**

### **General Meeting Objectives:**

- 1. Provide Pest Management Program Team (PMPT) membership the opportunity to network, share, and learn.**
- 2. Provide a venue for individual PMPT Workgroups to meet and accomplish their respective objectives.**
- 3. Receive updates and discuss items of common interest across pest management disciplines; determine PMPT future directions related to addressing common issues.**
- 4. Offer in-service training opportunity.**
- 5. Provide PMPT membership an opportunity to hear from and address leadership.**

### **Primary meeting outcomes, as related to objectives 1 through 5 above:**

- 1. Self-explanatory.**
- 2. Pesticide Use Reporting, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Spray Technology Workgroups met. I encourage the respective Workgroup Chairs to provide individual reports detailing their meeting objectives, outcomes, future directions, and relevance to SIs and Grand Challenges.**
- 3. Updates and discussions included: UC ANR policy updates (specifically related to cannabis research and extension); detail on the Western Region IR-4 Project and how to engage with the project; overview of the UC ANR publications and peer review processes; and pending pesticide regulatory impacts and research opportunities.**
- 4. The in-service training focused on program evaluation (planning, design, and evaluation methods).**
- 5. Discussion with leadership primarily involved UC ANR budget and work force issues, advocacy versus lobbying, and a request from leadership for guidelines and materials encompassing a unified advocacy message and directives to share with stakeholders and clientele.**

### **Next steps**

- 1. The PMPT will continue to meet (ideally annually) to provide opportunities to network, share, and learn; offer a venue for UC ANR Workgroups to meet; and create and explore opportunities for PMPT-wide impacts that lead to positive condition changes in line with the goals of UC ANR and its Strategic Initiatives.**

While the Pest Management Program Team is often most closely associated with the Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases (EIPD) SI, there is a vast diversity of disciplines and activities encompassed by the PMPT membership. Therefore, the PMPT is consistent with the SI-defined focal areas and grand challenges in nearly all of the UC ANR SIs (EIPD, Sustainable Food Systems, Sustainable Natural Ecosystems, and Water).