

# PROJECT REPORT

**Project Title:** VPCRAC database and website.

**Research Agency:** University of California - Davis

**Principal Investigator:** Salmon

**Budget:** \$55,386.00

## **Summary/ Abstract of Final Report:**

The objectives of this project were to:

- 1) Maintain, analyze, update and review the database of projects approved by the VPCRAC.
- 2) Design, set up, and maintain a website for VPCRAC to be hosted on a neutral host server with an .org designation.
- 3) Evaluate the VPCRAC website to determine effectiveness in communicating committee activities and obtaining information and input from interested individuals and organizations regarding VPCRAC work.

All objectives were met. The website for VPCRAC is <http://www.vpcrac.org>

A detailed listing of progress is outlined below.

October - December 2005 Work during the 4th quarter of 2005 consisted of providing additional content and editing of the changes/additions to the website.

On October 19, 2005 in Monterey we provided VPCRAC with a website demonstration and update. We illustrated the changes made to the website, including the incorporation of active links and text to all current projects and 20 completed projects. We outlined future plans for the website including text and active links for the remaining 50 completed projects, and the addition of more photos and other features to make the site visually more interesting and appealing.

January - March 2006 Only minor revisions to the database and website have been undertaken during the 1st quarter of 2006. Field work on a jackrabbit study and preparation for the Vertebrate Pest Conference took priority. An expanded work schedule to update the database and increase website content is planned for the 2nd quarter.

April - June 2006 Work during the 2nd quarter of 2006 consisted of updating the website with new progress reports, selecting and then adding photographs to the project reports, and moving

newly completed projects from the current research projects section to the completed projects section.

In addition, the web address for UC Environmental Toxicology, Office of Pesticide Information and Coordination (OPIC), was added to the list of links. OPIC advises UC and Cooperative Extension personnel on matters pertaining to safe and legal use of pesticides for research, demonstration and extension purposes, facilitates UC pest management research and demonstration projects using pesticides, and advises state agencies on matters pertaining to UC pesticide experimentation and use.

On April 19 in Santa Rosa we gave an update of the database/website project to VPCRAC.

July - September 2006 During the 3rd quarter of 2006 we visited the CDFA office in Sacramento to make copies of the new progress reports, final reports, and new projects. Information from these reports was entered into the FileMaker Pro database. We assembled the update packets for the 3-ring binder. The packets were mailed to the committee members on September 15.

In a similar manner, project reports currently listed on the website were updated. New progress reports and summaries of completed projects were sent to the IT technician in San Diego for incorporation into the website. The list of VPCRAC members was also updated. Text was added to the "Request for Proposals" section, providing more detail on the submission of proposals. Information on the date and location of the October VPCRAC meeting was added to the calendar.

October - December 2006 During the 4th quarter of 2006 we updated the FileMaker Pro database and the website with several new progress reports. A progress/status report was given to the VPCRAC at the October meeting in South Lake Tahoe.

The contract for this project expires on December 31, 2006. The 3-ring binder will be discontinued with the end of this project, but the website will continue on with the start of a new contract, No. 06-0198. The database will be maintained at least until the transition to on-line submission of proposals and reports is complete.

**Last Updated:**

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