



Arizona Department of Agriculture

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Re: Plant Services Division Rules; Stakeholder Listening Session

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

As part of the Governor's mission to reduce regulatory burden and promote customer-service-oriented principles, and the Department's own desire to update outdated rules, the Department's Plant Services Division (PSD) is inviting your organization to participate in a stakeholder listening session regarding several PSD rules. The Department is seeking input on the general impacts specific rules may have on your organization, and ideas on how the Department can improve service to the agricultural community and the general public, while safeguarding our industries from unwanted pests and pathogens.

Initially, five specific rules will be targeted in three meeting events. The rules requiring input are, under Title 3, Chapter 4, of the Arizona Administrative Code: R3-4-202. Transportation and Packaging; R3-4-244. Regulated and Restricted Noxious Weeds; R3-4-245. Prohibited Noxious Weeds; R3-4-229. Nut Tree Pests; and R3-4-231 Nut Pests. Listed here is a calendar of times and locations these events will be held:

Topic Rules	Date/Time	Location
R3-4-202. Transportation and Packaging	March 7, 2017 @ 10:00 AM	1688 W. Adams St., Rm. 206 Phoenix, AZ 85007
R3-4-244. Regulated and Restricted Noxious Weeds R3-4-245. Prohibited Noxious Weeds	March 14, 2017 @ 10:00 AM	1688 W. Adams St., Rm. 206 Phoenix, AZ 85007
R3-4-229. Nut Tree Pests R3-4-231. Nut Pests	March 21, 2017 @ 10:00 AM	400 W. Congress, Ste. 124 Tucson, AZ 85701

The Department will not be discussing specific proposed language for these rules, but on how these rules impact your organization, and how they can be improved. This information will help guide the Department on future rulemakings. Official notices of these sessions will be posted prior to the meeting and teleconference information will be provided if you are unable to attend in person, but would like to participate. Meeting documents will be made available at the meeting and upon request. If you have any questions or would like to request the meeting documents prior to the scheduled event please contact Brian McGrew at 602-542-0955 or bmcgrew@azda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. John Caravetta".

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