

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee**  
**January 29, 2014**

Members Present: Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Terry Davis, Public Member At-Large; Doug Freier, Public Member At-Large; Vince Guise, Agriculture Department; Michael Kent, Health Services; Marj Leeds, Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board; Cece Sellgren, County Clean Water Program; Patti TenBrook, Public Member At-Large; Allison Knapp for Joe Yee, Public Works; Cheng Liao; Public Member Alternate

(10 members present/6 voting members)

Members Absent: Jerry Casey, Public Works Facilities; Scott Cashen, Mt. Diablo Audubon; Jim Hale, County Fish and Wildlife Committee;

Staff Present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator; Karen Adler, Agriculture Department; Peter Gollinger, Public Works

Members of the Public: Nancy Wenninger, Mt. Diablo Audubon; Andrew Sutherland, UC IPM; Lin Lyons, Kathleen Greene, Karen Perkins, Susan JunFish, Michael Sullivan, Parents for a Safer Environment; Robin Bedell-Waite and Sonce Devries, citizens

1. Introductions

2. Announcements

The IPM Coordinator announced that the CCC Agriculture Department received its IPM Innovator Award from the state in a ceremony in Sacramento on January 23.

The IPM Coordinator announced that Jim Hale is unable to serve on the IPM Committee and will be replaced by a nominee from the County Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Carlos Agurto noted that he had spoken to Naresh Duggal, IPM Coordinator for Santa Clara County, who said Santa Clara uses glue boards rather than snap traps in their detention facilities for the same reasons as Contra Costa—inmate security concerns.

Vince Guise passed out copies of his response to the kestrel study that he sent to Susan JunFish on November 22, 2013 and again on January 7, 2014 (see attached).

5. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There was none.

6. Approve minutes from January 8, 2014

A motion was made and seconded (ML/MK) to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passed:

AYES: Agurto, Davis, Freier, Guise, Kent, Knapp, Leeds, Liao, Sellgren, TenBrook

NOES: none

ABSENT: Casey, Cashen, Hale

ABSTAIN: None

7. Discuss 2014 priorities for the Committee and plan work for the coming year

The Committee continued the discussion of priorities from the January 8, 2014 meeting.

Parents for a Safer Environment presented their priorities for the Committee (see attached).

A motion was made and seconded (MK/PT) to work on 3 priorities:

- a. Analyze and review additional decision-making documents from the Departments
- b. Conduct a detailed cost analysis of 1 or 2 pest management issues that will include alternatives to pesticides and other innovative strategies

c. Review program transparency

The motion passed unanimously:

AYES: Davis, Freier, Kent, Leeds, Sellgren, TenBrook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

The subcommittees to address these priorities and their members are as follows:

- a. Decision-making
  - Doug Freier
  - Michael Kent
  - Carlos Agurto
  - Terry Davis
  - Vince Guise
- b. Cost Accounting
  - Michael Kent
  - Cece Sellgren
  - Allison Knapp/Joe Yee
  - Marj Leeds
  - Vince Guise
- c. Transparency
  - Cheng Liao
  - Patti TenBrook
  - Vince Guise

9. Discuss 2014 presentations to the Committee

The Committee and the public proposed the following topics for presentations to the Committee:

- a. Mike Blankinship explaining the 2004 San Francisco Estuary Institute grazing study and an update on the County's grazing study along Walnut Creek
- b. Water quality monitoring in the County
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation rodenticides
- d. Climate change impacts on pest management
- e. Colony Collapse Disorder in honey bees
- f. Santa Clara County's methods for managing burrowing rodents
- g. Approved pesticide list
- h. San Mateo County roadside vegetation management
- i. Feral cats

Members voted on their preferred topics and the following received the most votes:

- a. Mike Blankinship explaining the 2004 San Francisco Estuary Institute grazing study and an update on the County's grazing study along Walnut Creek
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation rodenticides
- c. Colony Collapse Disorder in honey bees
- d. San Mateo County roadside vegetation management

10. Plan agenda for next meeting

- Reports from subcommittees
- Presentation from Mike Blankinship on grazing study
- Update on County grazing study

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator