

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee**  
**Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making**  
**February 24, 2014**

Members present: Carlos Agurto, Terry Davis, Doug Freier, Vince Guise, Michael Kent

Members absent: None

Staff present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator; Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's Office; Matthew Slattengren, Agriculture Department

Members of the public present: Susan JunFish and Karen Perkins, Parents for a Safer Environment

**1. Introductions**

**2. Public comment on items not on the agenda**

Susan JunFish and Karen Perkins read statements. See attached.

**3. Choose a committee chair**

It was moved and seconded that Terry Davis serve as chair (MK/DF).

There was no public comment

The motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Agurto, Davis, Freier, Guise, Kent

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

**4. Discuss committee work plan**

The IPM Coordinator described what had been done in the Decision-Making subcommittee in the past: each IPM program completed a decision-making document for a particular pest or pest management situation. The form they filled out was developed by the subcommittee.

- Agriculture Department
  - Ground squirrels around critical County infrastructure
  - Perennial pepperweed near a population of endangered Contra Costa goldfields
- Structural IPM (Pestec): rats and mice in and around County buildings
- Grounds Division: weed management on medians along Camino Tassajara
- Public Works Vegetation Management: weed management along flood control channels

The committee then discussed a work plan. The discussion included the following points:

- Spend time next meeting going through the rat and mouse decision document so the committee understands the document and the process.
- The committee should not re-do what was done last year. The Departments should choose new pests or pest management situations.
- Ask the Departments to come before the subcommittee to discuss which pest or situation they will choose to document this year. Each IPM program (except structural) will choose one to document.
- Ask the Departments to come with answers to the following questions:
  - What are several issues they want to address?
  - What are the general management goals for those issues?
  - What are their constraints for the particular issues? Cost? Manpower? Difficult management problem?
  - What are the stumbling blocks to better IPM?
- As the committee reviews the decision-making documents it may become apparent that changes to the document are needed.

**5. Decide on meeting schedule**

March 17, 10:00 AM

- Review rat and mouse decision document from Pestec
- Report from IPM Coordinator on what issues Departments want to tackle
- Invite Public Works Vegetation Management and the Grounds Division

May 19, 10:00 AM

- Review Department of Agriculture document

July 21, 10:00 AM

- Review either Public Works or Grounds document

August 11, 10:00 AM

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- Decide on recommendations to IPM Advisory Committee

**6. Plan next meeting agenda**

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Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator