

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on Transparency
February 26, 2014

Members present: Cheng Liao, Patti TenBrook, Scott Cashen, Vince Guise, Cece Sellgren

Staff present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator; Matthew Slattengren, Agriculture Department

Members of the Public: Shirley Shelangoski and Susan JunFish, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

The committee received public comment from Shirley Shelangoski and Susan JunFish. (See attached)

3. Choose a committee chair

It was moved and seconded (SC/CS) to nominate Patti TenBrook as chair. She was elected unanimously.

4. Discuss committee work plan

The IPM Coordinator reviewed the 2012 history of this committee.

Patti TenBrook was concerned with how staff are responding to public records requests. The IPM Coordinator noted that the County takes public records requests very seriously. Staff are required to follow County policy and respond promptly. The IPM Coordinator will send out the County policy and state law to committee members.

Scott Cashen was concerned about the County's IPM Program and the IPM Committee being transparent to the public.

With input from Parents for a Safer Environment, the Committee listed nine possible topics for future meetings:

1. Demonstration of the new posting site
2. Process to address the public's concerns
3. The County's policy for responding to public records request—review for understanding and analyze if it's being complied with
4. Review how the decision was made to not use an ordinance
5. Review the County's contracting requirements for IPM activities
6. Review the County's process for posting pesticide application information prior to application
7. Consider public posting of the pesticide use reports required by the state (and collected by the County Department of Agriculture)
8. Separate Public Works pesticide use reporting into roads, real property and flood control
9. Tape record meetings

Committee members voted on their priorities and the following three topics were chosen:

- Demonstration of the new posting site
- Process to address the public's concerns
- A report from Vince Guise on the possibility of Public Works separating their pesticide use reporting into roads, real property and flood control

5. Decide on meeting schedule

The committee decided to meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM: April 2, June 4, and August 6.

Plan agenda and date for next meeting

- Demonstration of new posting website
- Report from Vince Guise on separating Public Works pesticide use reports
- Discuss how to address the process of addressing public concerns