

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee**  
**Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making**  
**March 17, 2014**

Members present: Carlos Agurto, Doug Freier, Vince Guise, Michael Kent, Cece Sellgren

Members absent: Terry Davis

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

Members of the public present: None

**1. Introductions**

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

None

**3. Approval of minutes from February 24**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written (MK/DF).

There was no public comment

The motion passed unanimously:

AYES: Agurto, Freier, Guise, Kent, Sellgren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davis

**4. Review Decision Documentation for rats and mice around County buildings with Carlos Agurto from Pestec**

The committee reviewed this decision document from last year to understand how the document was developed. The review was informational and was not to re-evaluate or reconsider how actual decisions were made.

Some of the points in the discussion were as follows:

- Who has jurisdiction for pest management in buildings that are leased by the County or buildings that belong to the County and are leased by a third party?
- As noted in the decision document, some presence of commensal rodents outside is tolerable. It is most important to keep them out of buildings where the tolerance level is zero. Some buildings, such as hospitals, schools, child care, and those buildings with food services, have a zero tolerance for commensal rodents outside also.
- What sensitivities would trigger a change in how pest management is done? Examples are worker re-entry requirements, presence of children, presence of food preparation facilities, access by neighbors and their pets.
- The decision document mentions approaches that were rejected and the reasons for rejection, including costs. This is important.
- It is not necessary to develop a specific flow chart to show the steps that would be taken if eradication of the pest were the goal.
- The document mentions factors that were used to decide which rodenticide to use. This is important.

The committee also discussed the idea that the template may need some modification for future use. One of the points that was discussed was documenting the hierarchy of decision-making, e.g. if management tactics were implemented concurrently or as a sequence of escalating tactics.

**5. Discuss topics for documentation with Department of Agriculture, Grounds Division, and Public Works Vegetation Management**

The committee spent time discussing the pest management issues recommended by the Departments for this year's decision documents and whether they were the best pest management issues to document next. The committee came to the following consensus:

Department of Agriculture

- Artichoke thistle
- Purple starthistle

Public Work Vegetation Management

- Vegetation management at County airports

Kevin Lachapelle was absent, so the committee will discuss topics for documentation with him at another time.

**6. Plan next meeting agenda**

May 19, 10:00 AM

- Review Department of Agriculture documents