

**Draft Minutes**  
**Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee**  
**Subcommittee on IPM Cost Accounting**  
**March 18, 2014**

Members present: Matt Slattengren for Vince Guise, Michael Kent, Marj Leeds, Cece Sellgren,

Members absent: Joe Yee, Susan Heckly

Staff present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's Office

Members of the public present: None

**1. Introductions**

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

There was none

**3. Approval of minutes from February 20**

It was moved and seconded (CS/MS) to approve the minutes as written.

**4. Choose a Committee Chair**

Michael Kent nominated Marj Leeds as chair. It was seconded by Matt Slattengren. She was elected unanimously.

**5. Continue discussion on committee work plan and choose topics to pursue**

The discussion included the following points:

- Consider working on issues for which we have documented decision trees and consider also the potential impact of pesticide use (MK).
- Decision documents have been completed for
  - ground squirrels
  - rats and mice in and around County buildings
  - weed management on medians in Camino Tassajara
  - weed management on flood channels
  - perennial pepperweed
- This year at least 2 more will be completed: (1) management of weeds at airports and (2) management of star thistle.
- Study the cost of not using any pesticides at County Health Facilities (MK)
- Potential pest control issues to address in this committee (Group discussion)
  - Ground squirrels and other rodents
  - Flood control channels including the use of goats
  - Roadsides – including goats, pesticides, mowing and landscape replacement
  - Landscaping of County buildings
  - Structural IPM – rats and mice
  - Landscaping, weeds in Camino Tassajara
  - Perennial Pepperwood
  - Purple Starthistle
  - Airports
  - County Hospitals

Comments included: consider looking at green buildings in the County (JR), and look at what other counties spend (CS).

Following much discussion the group agreed to begin with landscaping of County Buildings. It was chosen because it is an area where we could make a long term difference.

Information on Flood Control will come about through the Goat Grazing study.

Motion: Determine what it would cost to do a long term transition to landscape at County Buildings that would be little or no maintenance, require minimal or no pesticide use, be energy efficient and conserve water. Sites to be chosen on consultation with Public Works Grounds Maintenance Division. Preference will be given to sites with high pesticide use and high water use. (MK with second by MS) Passed unanimously.

**6. Decide on meeting schedule**

Meet in April to review more detailed work plan and then meet every other month thereafter (June and August). Third Tuesday at 10:00 am.

**7. Plan next meeting agenda**

- Review more detailed work plan, proposal for approach and what information to collect
- Agree upon the specific site(s) to study
- Continue discussion on work plan and choose topics to work on

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Leeds, Chair