

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making
May 19, 2014

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

Members absent: Carlos Agurto, Cece Sellgren

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

Members of the public present: None

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

None

3. Approval of minutes from March 17

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

There was no public comment

The motion passed unanimously:

AYES: Freier, Guise, Kent,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Davis (absent at last meeting)

ABSENT: Agurto, Sellgren

4. Discuss with the Agriculture Department their Decision Documentation for Japanese Knotweed and Artichoke Thistle

The committee reviewed the 2 decision documents from the Agriculture Department. Vince Guise made several comments:

- The Agriculture Department can issue noxious weed abatement notices ~~even~~ for "A" and "B" rated species.
- EBMUD performs noxious weed control on its own property ~~and works~~ usually through lease agreement requirements with ranchers leasing their land.
- ~~There are~~ Some ranchers in Contra Costa County ~~that~~ treat their own artichoke thistles and do a good job, ~~but m~~ Many ranches are leased for short term, only 2-3 years or less; typically ~~and~~ that land is not as well cared for.
- The Department doesn't work as directly - much (side-by-side) with ranchers as they have in the past anymore This is because ~~-it is~~ just quicker and easier to do the weed work ~~themselves~~ themselves when noxious weed levels get low enough, avoiding the time that it took to make arrangements with the ranchers.
- There are ~~5 or 6~~ three pesticides that have been detected in groundwater in very limited areas of the County, ~~and That resulted in~~ 3 Pesticide Management Zones (PMZs) ~~have been~~ of 1 square mile each that were established by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, ~~h~~ However, the County doesn't use any of the ~~listed~~ listed pesticides.

The committee requested several changes in the decision documents. The main requests are as follows:

- Add a sentence after "Possible herbicide choices" that says something like: After consultation with colleagues and the literature about what is effective and labeled for X weed, the following possible choices are viable options. The IPM Coordinator will consult with Vince on the final wording.
- Add a question in the sensitive site section about proximity to well heads.

- In the herbicide section, add information about whether or not the chemical is on the DPR ground water protection list a or b.
- Consider putting in a section asking about adjuvants (drift retardants, spread-stickers, etc.) and why they were chosen.
- Add Clarity to the choices for Japanese knotweed and say that from literature searches and consultation with colleagues, it was found not to be effective.
- To the management goals for artichoke thistle, add: As properties become less infested, the Department can add new acreage that has never been treated.

5. Discuss decision documentation for Grounds Division

The committee decided that no decision document will be requested from the Grounds Division this year since they will be doing considerable work for the Cost Accounting subcommittee.

6. Discuss any additional agenda items for the next subcommittee meeting on July 21 with the Public Works Department

There were no additional items. The subcommittee decided that it will provide a full report to the IPM Advisory Committee when it has reviewed all of the decision documents for the year.

Next Meeting:

July 21, 10:00 AM

- Review Public Works Vegetation Management Division document on weed management at the 2 airports.