

January 14, 2015

To: Tanya Drlik & CCC IPM Advisory Committee
From: Susan JunFish, Parents for a Safer Environment

Re: Request to address items in documents submitted to the Committee that appears to be erroneous or statements where supportive evidence is not available.

“Background on some of the issues proposed as 2015 priorities for the Committee,”
Jan 6, 2015 :

1. Item #3 states that no former IPM Committee member has contracted w/ the County. In 2009, Michael Baefsky, a community representative of the IPM Advisory Committee received a contract with the former General Services Department according to a document from Terry Mann, former Deputy Director of the General Services Dept . After receiving that contract, Mr. Baefsky's behavior on the Committee changed significantly.

In order to reduce bias and conflict of interest on the Committee, we ask for your support to amend the ByLaws to restrict former voting members of the Committee representing the community from doing business with the departments of the county that use pesticides, namely Public works and Agriculture Departments (General Services has been folded into Public Works Dept).

2. Item #6 states that the county would incur a charge of \$16,720 per linear mile for ground squirrel control if we paid a contractor who charges \$25/squirrel trapped. This is very speculative and we would like to see the county take bids from trappers and share the proposals with the Committee.

3. Item # 8. The document states that the Santa Clara County's use of trapping for their ground squirrel problem is very limited in park areas and not for roadsides. This statement can be misleading. I interviewed the Santa Clara County's IPM Manager to get clarification. He stated the following:

Santa Clara County uses only traps in 47,000 acres of open space that includes 29 county parks. Their parks are both natural resource areas (open space, not managed park lands.. only managing invasive weeds) and recreational areas. They also use only trapping at all correctional facilities, all buildings, and their 2 airports comprising of 700 acres. They also use only trapping in the right of ways (this includes park trails, infrastructure next to roads, bridges).

Please make corrections on the background document so that it more accurately reflects the facts. Thank you in advance.