

Edits to the March 10, 2015 CCC IPM Adv Comm's Weed Subcommittee

From: Susan JunFish

To: Cece Sellgren, Chair, Michael Kent Acting Chair, and Tanya Drlik, Secretary for April 14, 2015 Weed Subcommittee meeting

I was not able to present this at the April 14th meeting due to cancellation of the meeting from a lack of a quorum. I sent this by e-mail to county staff before the April 21st meeting that was scheduled to make up for the April 14th meeting cancellation but have not heard back from staff.

Under item 2 of Public comment on Items not on the agenda:

a) Please replace "reflect how the committee chose to work on the Grounds Division rather than the Public Works Department" **with "describe the process in which the committee chose to focus on the Grounds Program rather than the Right of Ways Program. The meeting minutes from February 17th currently has no statement on how the Grounds Program was chosen by the Committee."**

b) Please replace "gave a presentation on pesticides (see attached) with: **"showed the list of pesticides, their toxicity characteristics, and quantity used by each the Grounds Program versus the Right of Ways Program in FY 13-14 on slides and asked the Committee to focus on the highest risk program, the Right of Ways Program." (see attached)"**

Please include the toxicity tables, only the graphs were included in the attachments.

c) Please replace bullet point "Just under 1000 lbs of Roundup is used by Grounds....) with:

If the Grounds Program used just under 1000 lbs of RoundUp last fiscal year and if 90% of the RoundUp is used on hardscapes as stated by Kevin, **propane flaming tools as mentioned by Michael Kent or heat plates can me used safely for weeds. PfSE organized a training given by in 2006 when an IPM Adviser trained public agency maintenance staff how to use these tools safely and effectively. For example, the heat plates should just rupture the cells of the plants to kill the roots and not scorch them, which can trigger roots to survive.**

d) Please replace bullet point "The Division should look...." with:

In reference to Kevin Lachpelle stating that he will be hiring a supervisor for grounds maintenance, the community would like to see IPM experience, implementation and track record be a criteria in hiring. (SJ)

Thank you for your follow-up in letting me know if you would be willing incorporate these edits to reflect my comments more accurately in order to not lose focused meaning.