

## Corrections to meeting minutes

IPM Advisory Committee Meeting May 6, 2015

Dear Secretary for the meeting minutes:

I am submitting the following request for corrections to the March 4, 2015 meeting minutes.

1. Under 3, Public Comments not on the agenda. It states that Parents for a Safer Environment presented various items. See attached.

Please describe the issue presented as I have provided verbal testimony.

**Parents for a Safer Environment (PfSE) presented tables and graphs and stated that the Right of Ways Program consisting of the Flood Control District and the Roadside broadcast herbicide spraying consists of much higher pesticide spraying as well as the use of Bad Actors in comparison to the Ground Program. Susan JunFish also stated PfSE has provided photos in past meetings of children and others using walking trails to go back and forth from schools alongside the Flood Control District that are also used as truck access roads to broadcast spray pesticides. There is more risk of exposure to the public, wildlife, and aquatic organisms due to spraying on the Right of Ways in comparison to the pesticide spraying in the Grounds Program. See attached.**

2. On page 2, under comments from the public first bullet item, please correct Susan JunFish's statement as follows:

**The IPM Program was created about 15 years ago by the work of PEHAB members and the unanimous support of the Board of Supervisors to address pesticide usage in *county* programs. There was concern over both quantity and toxicity characteristics that were not tracked for each program. I urge you to focus on county programs and let the Public Health Department address bed bugs, which are more of a problem in areas with a larger hospitality industry like S.F. and Santa Clara counties. Would the IPM Coordinator be able to inform us of how many bed bug outbreaks have been reported to the county in separate, distinct sites annually in the last few years? (Susan JunFish)**

**The rodenticide issue was the highest vote getter in the January IPM meeting and I do not understand why Board of Supervisor members would pre-empt that recommendation from the Committee. The Department of Agriculture's**

**Cost Study on rodenticides versus trapping was contested by wildlife experts such as Scott Cashen on the Committee, PFSE and the Audubon Society. We believe that the justification of the county using rodenticides needs to be re-addressed. (Shirley Shelangoski).**

**We need our own house in order before we look at pesticide use problems that are not under the purview of the county programs. How many bed bug complaints have been reported in Contra Costa County in the last year? It's important to educate and protect underserved populations but why does it require the county's IPM advisory committee to do this rather than the county's IPM Coordinator working with the existing bed bug committee? The IPM Advisory Committee needs to be focusing on its own pesticide use issues first that are unresolved. How did the TWIC chairs come to the conclusion that rodenticide usage issue was resolved and they want to see bed bugs addressed in this committee? (Michael Sullivan).**