

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making
August 12, 2016

Members present: Andrew Sutherland (chair), Susan Captain, Jim Cartan, Jim Donnelly, Larry Yost

Members absent: None

Staff present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

Members of the public present: Susan JunFish, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There was none.

3. Approve minutes from June 16, 2016

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written (AS/SC).

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear reports from committee members on contacting vegetation managers in surrounding counties

Members continue to make progress.

The committee began discussing the form of the summary report on rights-of-way vegetation management in other counties. Jim Donnelly cautioned the committee to be careful about drawing conclusions from the interviews and data collected. Each county has a different climate, different weeds, and different budgets and equipment. Responsibilities vary from county to county and standards of living are different. The committee discussed drawing a broad picture and reporting on challenges in general.

Andrew Sutherland would like to have some of the managers from other counties come to speak with the committee.

Committee members asked to be sent the link to the EPA interactive map for the 11 species injunction.

Public Comment:

Susan JunFish noted that she would like to see acreage under management for each county in addition to miles since flood control channels vary in width. She asked committee members to be sure to ask each county about their flood control channels.

5. Review the County's IPM Policy and Administrative Bulletin, the Public Works Landscape Standards, and the purchase order for the Special Districts' contractor

There was insufficient time to cover this item thoroughly, so it will be taken up at the next meeting. Jim Donnelly suggested that the IPM Policy be updated periodically. Some suggestions were made for additions to the letter to Special Districts' contractors.

6. Discuss decision document for rat management in Special Districts

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

7. Discuss gopher management decision document

This item was discussed briefly. Jim Donnelly will send the IPM Coordinator some suggested language for the section on factors taken into consideration when determining which pest management tactics to use.

Andrew Sutherland suggested that a notice be sent to citizens in Special Districts to educate them on the pest management tactics being used in their areas. Jim Cartan proposed that the committee draft a recommendation to present to the IPM Advisory Committee regarding this.

8. Plan next agenda

Next Meeting: September 15, 10:00 am to noon

- Review the County's IPM Policy and Administrative Bulletin, the Public Works Landscape Standards, and the purchase order for the Special Districts' contractor
- Hear reports on vegetation management in neighboring counties
- Review the rat decision document.