

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

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

Members absent: none

Staff present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

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

**1. Introductions**

**2. Public comment on items not on the agenda**

Shirley Shelangoski announced that Parents for a Safer Environment is sponsoring a workshop on turf weeds with Chip Osborne on January 27, 2017, 8am to noon. The audience is municipalities, large agencies, and decision makers. They would like County staff to attend. There will be continuing education credits for School IPM. Susan JunFish will send a link for registration to the IPM Coordinator. Chip Osborne will be doing a 2-day training in Fairfield on January 24 and 26, 2017.

**3. Approve minutes from September 15, 2016 and October 27, 2016**

At the October 27 meeting, Susan JunFish had questioned the wording of a comment by Susan Captain in the September 15 minutes under #4, and since Susan Captain was absent on October 27, she could not clarify her statement. At the October meeting, Susan JunFish said she would send the IPM Coordinator the recording of the meeting to clarify the statement. The IPM Coordinator did not receive a recording.

Susan Captain did not dispute the minutes, but commented that she would like contractors to be aware of IPM training and suggested that the County could require contractors to attend certain IPM trainings.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes as written (JD/AS)

The motion carried unanimously.

In the October 27 minutes under #4, Susan JunFish questioned the wording of the last bullet under “Public Comment”.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 27, 2016 minutes with bullet #5 under “Public Comment” under #4 struck from the record. (JD/AS)

The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discuss suggestions for changes/additions to County’s Landscape Standards**

The committee decided that the process will be to discuss changes and additions and have the IPM Coordinator write a memo to Warren Lai and Jason Chen at Public Works to consider the recommendations.

The committee discussed the wording of changes and additions. The IPM Coordinator will prepare a document with the added text for consideration at the next meeting.

*Public Comment*

Parents for a Safer Environment does not want the document to be weakened and would like to keep in the section about being Bay Friendly certified since that program is the only recognized landscape certification.

**5. Hear information from Andrew Sutherland on managing gophers in school settings.**

Andrew Sutherland has only anecdotal information from school settings.

*Public Comment*

Susan JunFish noted that Acalanes Union High School District uses only trapping for gophers. The County can get more information from them.

**6. Discuss decision document for gopher management in Special Districts**

The committee discussed the document and made a number of changes and additions.

*Public Comment*

Susan JunFish asked to have language added to clarify that the EPA signal words for pesticides cover only acute toxicity. She also noted that the way the document is written, biological controls may be compromised.

The committee discussed these points and decided to add the cautionary language on biocontrol from the rat decision document and to add a phrase after each signal word to indicate that it represents information about acute toxicity.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the document as modified during the meeting (JD/AS)

The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Discuss format for displaying information from vegetation managers in other counties**

Because of lack of time, this item was not discussed and will be taken up at the next meeting.

**8. Plan next agenda**

Next Meeting: January 20, 2017, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

- Discuss priorities for the subcommittee
- Review landscape standards changes; discuss further revisions
- Discuss a method for displaying the information gleaned from other counties on their vegetation management along roadsides and flood control channels.
- Determine committee's next steps