

Minutes
Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee
January 19, 2017

Members Present: Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Susan Captain, Public Member At Large; Jim Cartan, Save Mt. Diablo; Jim Donnelly, Public Member At Large; Susan Heckly, County Fish and Wildlife Committee; Michael Kent, Health Services; Larry Yost, Agriculture Department; Cece Sellgren (Chair), County Clean Water Program; Andrew Sutherland, Public Member at Large; Wayne Lanier, Public Member Alternate

(10 members present, 8 voting members)

Members Absent: Jerry Casey, Public Works Facilities; Allison Knapp, Public Works Maintenance;

Staff Present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

Members of the Public: Susan JunFish and Priscilla Witt, Parents for a Safer Environment

Chair Cece Sellgren was detained at another meeting, so Vice Chair Michael Kent opened the meeting. Chair Sellgren took over during public comment.

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Priscilla Witt from Parents for a Safer Environment (PfSE) read a statement. See attached.

Susan JunFish from PfSE noted that the date for their workshop has changed to March 2. She also said that Elizabeth Salmon-Omski's November meeting comments were not in the agenda packet for this meeting.

The IPM Coordinator corrected her to say that Salmon-Omski's comments were indeed included in the agenda packet. Her document was the second page of the PfSE comments.

3. Announcements

Carlos Agurto announced that his father has now officially retired from Pestec. His brother, Luis, Jr., is now the CEO. Ben McCorriston is the new manager for Contra Costa County. He is a field rep and has a Purdue IPM Certificate. He has a great deal of experience and expertise. He worked on the San Francisco Public Housing rehab.

Andrew Sutherland announced the annual Urban Pest Management Conference at UC Riverside on March 29 and Cooperative Extension trainings for staff who sell pesticides in retail garden centers in Oakland and Sacramento.

Jim Cartan announced Save Mt. Diablo's annual Bio Blitz which is a 24-hour ground level resource survey. This year it will be held in Marsh Creek State Historic Park on March 24 and 25.

Susan JunFish announced that 500 people signed up for a PfSE webinar for community members who want to reduce pesticide use.

Cece Sellgren asked Susan JunFish to please alert the IPM Committee when PfSE conducts these kinds of events.

4. Approve minutes from November 16, 2016

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

The motion carried:

AYES: Captain, Cartan, Donnelly, Sellgren, Lanier

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Heckly, Kent, Sutherland

ABSENT: None

5. Discuss replacing the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board (PEHAB) seat now that the board has been dissolved

Some of the comments from Committee members and the public included the following:

- The IPM Coordinator noted that Supervisor Andersen's office suggested changing the PEHAB seat to a seat for the newly forming Sustainability Commission.
- The mission of the Sustainability Commission is first to implement the County's Climate Action Plan and then to broaden their mandate later. (MK)
- The Committee is large already. We don't need another person unless they bring something to the table. (SH)
- A rep from the Sustainability Commission may not bring much since the Commission's mandate is to implement the Climate Action Plan. (JD)
- Have we lost a public/environmental health voice on the Committee? (AS)
- Michael Kent does bring that perspective to the Committee. (MK)

Public Comment

The Committee needs someone with more expertise in toxicology, not just a chemist who has no public health background, and not a toxicologist who is just trained in risk assessment.

A motion was made and seconded (JD/SH) to have the IPM Coordinator investigate alternatives regarding the PEHAB seat and report back at the next Committee meeting.

The motion carried:

AYES: Captain, Cartan, Donnelly, Heckly, Kent, Lanier, Sellgren, Sutherland,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. Discuss updating the IPM Policy and the IPM Committee bylaws

The Committee agreed to discuss this item at the March meeting when the IPM Coordinator has more information.

7. Discuss topics and speakers for 2017

Topics and speakers suggested by the Committee:

1. Panel of rights-of-way vegetation managers from other counties
2. Paul Detjens from Public Works on managing flood control on wetlands in an age of sea level rise
3. Joel Trumbo from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife on glyphosate and its impacts on wildlife
4. Bruce Badzik, IPM Coordinator, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, on invasive weeds
5. Someone to speak about permaculture
6. Chris Geiger, IPM Coordinator, San Francisco, on Pest Prevention by Design guidelines
7. Geoff Brosseau or Janet Cox from Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies on successes in adopting IPM in multifamily housing
8. Healthy Schools Act compliance

Public Comment

Susan JunFish would like the Committee to hear two speakers on using carbon monoxide for ground squirrel control and to have a panel of IPM Coordinators from surrounding counties to explain their programs.

The Committee and the public voted on the suggestions. There is room for only four presentations this year.

The following four were chosen:

1. Joel Trumbo on glyphosate
 2. Carbon monoxide for gopher and ground squirrel management
 3. Panel on rights-of-way vegetation management
 4. Chris Geiger on Pest Prevention by Design
- Alternate if one of the above falls through: IPM Coordinators from other Counties

8. Discuss meeting dates for 2017

The next meeting date will be March 16.

10. Plan agenda for next meeting

The chair and the IPM Coordinator will determine the next meeting's agenda

Next Meetings: TBD

Respectfully submitted, Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator