

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee**  
**March 16, 2017**

Members Present: Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Susan Captain, Public Member At Large; Jim Cartan, Save Mt. Diablo; Susan Heckly, County Fish and Wildlife Committee; Michael Kent, Health Services; Beth Slate, Agriculture Department; Cece Sellgren (Chair), County Clean Water Program

(7 members present, 5 voting members)

Members Absent: Jerry Casey, Public Works Facilities; Jim Donnelly, Public Member At Large; Allison Knapp, Public Works Maintenance; Andrew Sutherland, Public Member at Large; Wayne Lanier, Public Member Alternate

Staff Present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's office; Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

Members of the Public: Susan JunFish, Kathy Barrett, Elizabeth Hudson, Parents for a Safer Environment

The Committee did not have a quorum until 11:00. Dr. Chris Geiger gave his presentation (Item 5) unofficially before the meeting began.

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Elizabeth Hudson and Kathy Barrett from Parents for a Safer Environment (PfSE) read statements. See attached.

3. Announcements

Beth Slate announced that two finds of the Asian citrus psyllid have been confirmed from El Sobrante and Pleasant Hill. This insect is a very effective vector of citrus greening disease (Huanglongbing) that has devastated the Florida citrus industry. Infected trees have already been found in southern California. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is the lead agency for this issue, and they have deployed traps around El Sobrante and Pleasant Hill according to their protocol. They will be holding town hall meetings to address this pest and its control, which will include voluntary pesticide applications, outreach to nurseries that sell citrus plants, and the establishment of a quarantine area. Currently, there is no treatment for the disease. The state is hoping to slow the spread of the vector and the disease long enough for researchers to devise viable treatments.

4. Approve minutes from January 19, 2017

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

The motion carried:

AYES: Captain, Cartan, Heckly, Kent, Sellgren,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Donnelly, Sutherland, Lanier

5. Hear presentation on the Pest Prevention by Design guidelines from Dr. Chris Geiger, San Francisco IPM Coordinator

Dr. Geiger gave his presentation unofficially before the Committee had reached a quorum.

6. Hear report from the IPM Coordinator

The Board of Supervisors' Internal Operations Committee discussed the issue of the empty PEHAB seat and determined that the seat should be converted to one for a representative from the Sustainability Committee.

This was affirmed by the full Board of Supervisors on March 7, 2017. Since the Sustainability Committee is not fully organized yet, it may be some months before a representative is appointed.

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

The chair explained that both documents must be revised to reflect the change in the PEHAB seat and the changes in department names.

*Public Comment*

Parents for a Safer Environment (PfSE) would like the Committee to add a seat for a health official with expertise in toxicology.

Michael Kent noted that he is the representative for the Health Department, and if PfSE is not satisfied with his expertise, the Committee could address adding a seat at a future meeting.

Michael Kent then made a motion for the Committee, at a future meeting, to consider adding a seat for a health official with expertise in toxicology. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made and seconded (SH/MK) to accept the changes to the IPM Policy and IPM Committee bylaws as outlined.

The motion carried:

AYES: Captain, Cartan, Heckly, Kent, Sellgren,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Donnelly, Sutherland, Lanier

8. Hear reports from the Decision-Making and Outreach subcommittees

*Decision-Making—Andrew Sutherland, chair; Susan Captain, Jim Cartan, Jim Donnelly, and Larry Yost, members*

Andrew Sutherland being absent, the IPM Coordinator gave the report.

- The subcommittee agreed to continue working on their project of gathering data on vegetation management along roadsides and rights-of-way from surrounding counties.
- They also began work on a decision document for vegetation management on County roadsides and rights-of-way.

*Outreach—Michael Kent, chair; Jim Cartan, Susan Heckly, and Andrew Sutherland, members*

Michael Kent reported the following:

- The subcommittee will focus on the most vulnerable community members, not the public at large.
- In County Departments there are many staff that visit people in their homes. These are low income people with medical and other problem, and they live in places with a higher likelihood of pest problems.
- The subcommittee discussed training and outreach materials for home visitors. We cannot ask them to inspect homes, but they can be trained to recognize pest problems and conducive conditions.
- Supervisors from some of the in-home visitor programs will be invited to the committee's next meeting to help the committee better understand how outreach can best be accomplished.
- It may be possible to integrate outreach on pest management with the County's weatherization program.

9. Confirm future meeting dates (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

The dates are May 18, July 20, September 21, and November 16.

10. Plan agenda for next meeting

- Presentation from Roger Baldwin (UC Cooperative Extension) on his research on carbon monoxide for burrowing rodent control
- Presentation from Bill Donahue (Sierra Labs) on his research on carbon dioxide for burrowing rodents.
- Reports from subcommittee and the IPM Coordinator
- Reports from the Departments

*Public Comment*

Susan JunFish suggested that the Committee invite someone who has piloted carbon monoxide trials on their land or have an expert panel of people including vendors.

The IPM Coordinator expressed a reluctance to have vendors speak to the Committee about their products. Michael Kent suggested that more in depth presentations could be reserved for subcommittee meetings.

Next Meetings: May 18, July 20, September 21, and November 16.

Respectfully submitted, Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator