

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making
March 1, 2018

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

Members of the public present: Gretchen Logue, citizen and IPM Committee member; Susan JunFish and Dave Shoemaker, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Dave Shoemaker of Parents for a Safer Environment read a statement from Karolina Park (see attached).

3. Elect a chair

Andrew Sutherland was unanimously elected to serve as chair until the end of 2018.

4. Approve minutes from October 12, 2017

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 12, 2017 minutes (SC/AS).

The motion carried:

Ayes: Yost, Captain, Cartan, Sutherland

Noes: None

Abstentions: Donnelly

Absent: None

5. Discuss work plan for the year

The committee agreed to finish the Flood Control Channel Decision Document and then begin work on a document for ground squirrels on critical infrastructure. If there is time after that, the committee will look at ground squirrel management in Special Districts.

The IPM Coordinator will review the Roadside Decision Document to make sure it has all the final changes requested by the committee last summer. If not she will bring it back to the committee.

6. Review the flood control decision document

The committee reviewed the document. Some of the points made are as follows:

- Posting is an issue that does not need to be written into the document since the County has a posting policy.
- Flood control access roads are not posted, but people do walk on them—need to find the areas where people do walk. Perhaps access roads should be posted.
- The committee would like to have Restoration Trust give a presentation when they complete their final report to the County on planting natives along a section of Clayton Valley Drain.
- Proposed changes to the language under “Is this a sensitive site” on page 2 will be provided to the IPM Coordinator by Jim Donnelly and under “Chemical controls” on page 4 by Andrew Sutherland.

Some of the public comments made by Susan JunFish are as follows:

1. Parents for a Safer Environment is more concerned about long term effects of pesticides (chronic toxicity).
2. She challenges the assertion that grazing is more expensive than spraying.
3. The City of Irvine is using steam weeding on rights of way and it works great. Treatment has to occur every 3 to 4 weeks.
4. She does not believe the numbers in the decision documents.

7. Plan next agenda

The next meeting will be April 5, 2018, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

- Review the flood control decision document (40 minutes)
- Begin the review of the ground squirrel decision document (60 minutes)
- Other business (20 minutes)