

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee**  
**Posting Task Force**  
**May 21, 2018**

Members present: Carlos Agurto, Jim Donnelly, Gretchen Logue, Larry Yost

Members absent: None

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

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

**1. Introductions**

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

Susan JunFish noted that the City of Irvine is doing organic turf conversion and is succeeding both aesthetically and financially.

**3. Approve minutes from April 9, 2018**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discuss revised posting sign**

The committee discussed the revised sign and asked for several more changes. There was a discussion about citizens being able to opt out of weed spraying near their property. The Iron Horse Corridor has an oversight body that does outreach to citizens. The Public Works Department allows residents to set up "no spray zones" as long as they maintain the vegetation around their homes to the fire code. The IPM Coordinator will find out if there are County maintained areas, other than the Iron Horse Corridor, that abut private property. She will also ask Public Works about how citizen complaints about pesticide use are handled and tracked.

*Public comment*

Susan JunFish said that the EPA hazard category is misleading. If acute toxicity is noted, then chronic toxicity should be mentioned. "Time of Re-entry" is misleading and implies safety, and she does not believe that it is safe to enter after the re-entry period on the label.

The IPM Coordinator will modify the existing County sign with ideas from today's discussion and send it out for the next meeting.

Jim Donnelly will look up the Cal EPA database on pesticides.

**5. Discuss posting policy**

The committee began this discussion. Members discussed how, on permanent signs, citizens could be advised of a more specific time when treatment might occur.

*Public comment*

Susan JunFish said that half of the County's budget goes to taking care of sick people. The County should think about the long term costs to the community of using pesticides. She agrees that there should be a more specific time frame on the permanent sign.

The IPM Coordinator will make changes to the policy to reflect the changes made to the posting sign.

**6. Plan next meeting agenda**

The next meeting will be June 18, 2018, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

- Finalize recommendations for the posting sign
- Continue discussing the posting policy