

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making
June 14, 2018

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Ivan Godwyn, Agriculture Department; Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

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

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There was none.

3. Approve minutes from May 10, 2018

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

Ayes: Cartan, Captain, Sutherland, Yost

Abstain: Donnelly

Noes: none

Absent: none

4. Review pest management decision tree

Some of the points made by members of the committee are as follows:

- This is a useful document for training new staff, as a refresher for current staff or contractors, and for explaining the County's thought process to the public.
- The decision tree should be on the website along with the decision-making documents.
- Add a link to the decision tree in each decision document in the "What are the management goals?" box.
- Perhaps there should be a "sensitive site" decision tree for each decision document or perhaps a checklist would be adequate.

The committee agreed that as part of the ground squirrel decision document, the subcommittee will discuss a sensitive site decision tree for ground squirrels. This will be a minor project and the committee will spend a small amount of time on it at each meeting.

The committee recommends that the Departments include the decision tree in their annual IPM and pesticide safety training.

5. Discuss whether ground squirrel management at the West County Detention Facility, Byron Boys Ranch, and airports should have separate decision documents

The committee agreed to create a separate document for the West County Detention Facility and the Byron Boys Ranch, but to leave airports in the current document. The committee will finish the current ground squirrel document and work on the auxiliary document at another time. It could be called "on-call ground squirrel management".

6. Review the ground squirrel decision document

The committee discussed the ground squirrel decision document and asked for several changes to be made.

7. Plan next agenda

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

- Continue the review of the ground squirrel decision document (50 minutes)
- Review a sensitive site general checklist that the IPM Coordinator will create (20 minutes)
- Other business (20 minutes)