

Minutes
Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee
May 16, 2019

Members Present: Susan Captain, Public Member at Large; Jim Donnelly, Public Member At Large (Chair); Larry Yost, Agriculture Department; Susan Heckly, County Fish and Wildlife Committee; Michael Kent, Health Services; Gretchen Logue, County Sustainability Commission; Cece Sellgren, County Clean Water Program; Andrew Sutherland, Public Member at Large; Brian Louis for Allison Knapp, Public Works Maintenance; Dennis Shusterman, Public Member Alternate

(9 members present, 7 voting members)

Members Absent: Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Jerry Casey, Public Works Facilities

Staff Present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's Office; Randy Sawyer, Health Services Department; Beth Slate, Agriculture Department

Members of the Public: Dave Shoemaker, Fred Schneider, and Susan JunFish, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Fred Schneider and Susan JunFish read comments (see attached).

3. Announcements

Gretchen Logue announced that Benicia and Livermore have joined the lawsuits concerning glyphosate.

4. Approve minutes from January 17, 2019

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

The motion carried:

AYES: Captain, Donnelly, Kent, Logue, Sellgren, Sutherland

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: Schusterman

ABSENT: Heckly

5. Hear report from Randy Sawyer about the process and timeline for hiring an IPM Coordinator

Randy Sawyer explained the process and said he anticipates interviews in July and hopes to have the successful candidate hired by Labor Day.

Several people were suggested for the interview panel: someone from the Agriculture Department, Public Works, and HazMat; someone from another county; a member of the IPM Committee, Michael Kent, Gretchen Logue, or Andrew Sutherland.

6. Hear reports from the Decision-Making and Outreach Subcommittees

Andrew Sutherland reported that the Decision-Making subcommittee is seeking clarification of current pest management activities. Andrew has a meeting with the Public Works Department to discuss their presentation to the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee.

Michael Kent reported that the Outreach subcommittee will not meet until a new IPM Coordinator is hired.

7. Hear reports from the Agriculture and Public Works Departments

Larry Yost reported for the Agriculture Department.

- The Department is three-quarters of the way through their noxious weed treatments on artichoke thistle and purple starthistle.

- They are managing weeds for East Bay Regional Parks, Mt. Diablo State Park and private ranches that pay for the service.

Brian Louis reported for the Public Works Maintenance Division

- They currently have no one on staff with a Pest Control Advisor's license, so they cannot do any pesticide treatments along roads or flood control channels.

The Committee and the public suggested that this is a perfect time for the Public Works Department to evaluate not using herbicides.

8. Determine members of the Vegetation Management Forum Task Force
Gretchen Logue and Larry Yost volunteered.

10. Plan agenda for next meeting

- Decide/provide input on interview questions
- Discuss whether the County should create a list of approved pesticides
- Have speakers from Marin, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties explain their IPM programs and what makes them successful

Next Meetings: July 18, September 19, November 21

Respectfully submitted, Tanya Drlik, Interim IPM Coordinator