

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee**  
**Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making**  
**May 30, 2019**

**Members Present:** Gretchen Logue (Vice Chair), Andrew Sutherland (Chair), Larry Yost

**Members Absent:** Susan Captain, Jim Donnelly

**Staff Present:** Chris Lau and John Steere, Public Works; Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's office

**Members of the public:** Susan JunFish and Fred Schneider, Parents for a Safer Environment

**1. Introductions**

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

There was none.

**3. Approve minutes of April 25, 2019**

Jill Ray corrected her statement under Item #1, Introductions to the following:

Jill Ray said there is an item on the upcoming Board of Supervisors' agenda, that if approved, would provide support to the IPM Committee.

Susan JunFish provided the other two names of attendees from Parents for a Safer Environment as Dave Shoemaker and Fred Schneider.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the changes above.

Ayes: Logue, Sutherland, Yost

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Captain, Donnelly

**4. Report from Jim Donnelly and Susan Captain on their research regarding counties that use fumigation on roadsides to control ground squirrels**

Both Jim Donnelly and Susan Captain were absent, so the report is postponed until the next meeting.

*Public Comment: Susan JunFish requested that non-toxic options be provided in the report.*

**5. Report from Gretchen Logue on Los Vaqueros Reservoir ground squirrel management program**

Gretchen reported that Los Vaqueros staff use diphacinone applications, but they say there is a narrow window of time to do so. They also trap and move squirrels to locations outside of the earthen dam, roads, and pond levees. Remaining burrows that are empty are filled with grout. John Howard from Los Vaqueros is available to make a presentation at the next subcommittee meeting if desired.

**6. Report on Andrew Sutherland on his conversations with Public Works staff**

Andrew reported that Warren Lai and Allison Knapp will clarify the directive from the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee to the Public Works staff regarding the recommendations in the IPM Annual Report. Andrew offered his help in answering any questions they might have regarding recommendations from the Decision-Making subcommittee.

**7. Report from Larry Yost on the Public Works Department's current weed management practices along flood control access roads**

Larry reported that access roads are considered part of the flood control channel for vegetation management purposes. The Department has not used herbicides to manage vegetation on channels or access roads since December 2017; instead, staff are employing mowing and goat grazing.

*Public Comment: Susan JunFish requested that the Maintenance Division provide a report on the efficacy of weed management without pesticides during 2018.*

**8. Discuss developing recommendations for inclusion in the ground squirrel decision document**

Time did not allow for discussion of this item.

**9. Plan next meeting agenda**

The next meeting will be July 11, 2019, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

- Report from Jim Donnelly and Susan Captain on their research regarding counties that use CO and CO<sub>2</sub> fumigation along roadsides to control ground squirrels (20 min)
- Report from Gretchen Logue on Los Vaqueros reservoir ground squirrel management program (10 min)
- Report from Andrew Sutherland on the ongoing search for the new CCC IPM Coordinator (15 min)
- Discuss developing recommendations to include in the ground squirrel decision document (25 min)
- Regular business (20 min)