

Minutes
Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee
July 18, 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 Cece Sellgren, County Clean Water Program; Andrew Sutherland, Public Member at Large; Teri Rei for Allison Knapp, Public Works Maintenance; Dennis Shusterman, Public Member Alternate

(8 members present, 7 voting members)

Members Absent: Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Jerry Casey, Public Works Facilities; Gretchen Logue, County Sustainability Commission

Staff Present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's Office; Matt Slattengren, Agriculture Department

Members of the Public: Katherine Knecht, Marin County IPM Program; Naresh Duggal, Santa Clara IPM Program (via Skype); Elaine Jackson, Friends of Alhambra Creek; Eugene Loew, City of Concord; Mei Mei Collins, CALPIRG; Shirley Shelangoski, Sheila Hill, and Susan JunFish, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Sheila Hill noted that many agencies are stopping the use of glyphosate, and Mei Mei Collins wanted a clear date for stopping the use of glyphosate. Shirley Shelangoski would like Contra Costa to be an IPM leader.

3. Announcements

There were none.

4. Approve minutes from May 16, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

The motion carried:

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

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: Rie

ABSENT: Logue

5. Panel discussion on IPM programs in Marin and Santa Clara Counties

Naresh Duggal presented information about the Santa Clara County IPM program. See : <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/ipm/Documents/IPM-Annual-Report-Final-2017-2018.pdf> for more information.

Kat Knecht presented a PowerPoint on the Marin County IPM Program. See attached.

Some of the points from the Committee's discussion after the presentations included the following:

- What are the current risks to employees? What are the future risks to employees? These need to be evaluated.
- What are the costs to address liability?
- New and existing chemicals will need to be evaluated.
- What is the best way to communicate the results of the Decision-Making subcommittee?
- It is up to the Departments to decide how to use information and recommendations from the Committee.
- The IPM Coordinator works in an advisory capacity with the Departments.

6. Hear reports from the Decision-Making Subcommittees

Andrew Sutherland reported that the Decision-Making subcommittee is reviewing the ground squirrel decision document and they hope to be done with the review by this December.

7. Hear reports from the Agriculture and Public Works Departments

Larry Yost reported for the Agriculture Department.

- The Department finished their noxious weed treatments for artichoke thistle and purple starthistle in June.
- They are currently working on ground squirrel management along roadsides. They may do work on some Delta Island levees later in the season.

8. Hear report form Larry Yost on the progress toward hiring a new IPM Coordinator

There were 10 applicants that passed the minimum requirements. Eight of these were interviewed. The interview panel chose a top candidate and a backup and made the recommendation to Randy Sawyer, Hazardous Materials Chief Officer. Randy Sawyer and Tanya Drlik will interview both top candidates on Monday and make a final decision.

9. Plan agenda for next meeting

- Review glyphosate use in the County

Next Meetings: September 19, November 21

Respectfully submitted, Tanya Drlik, Interim IPM Coordinator