

## Minutes

### Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee

January 16, 2020

Members Present: Susan Captain, Public Member At Large; Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Jim Donnelly (Chair), Public Member At Large; Larry Yost, Agriculture Department; Susan Heckly, County Fish and Wildlife Committee; Michael Kent, Health Services; Kimberly Hazard, Sustainability Committee; Andrew Sutherland, Environmental Organization Representative; Teri Rie, County Stormwater Program; Stephen Prée, Public Member at Large

(10 members present, 8 voting members)

Members Absent: Public Works Deputy Director Designee; Dennis Shusterman, Public Member Alternate; Public Works Facilities Director Designee

Staff Present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's Office; David Hallinan, Agriculture Department; Wade Finlinson, IPM Coordinator, Matt Slattengren, Agriculture Commissioner

Members of the Public Present: Dave Shoemaker (PASE), Susan JunFish (PASE), Shirley Shelangoski (PASE), Karen Perkins (PASE), Kamyar Aram (UCANR), Jodi Neilson (PASE), Eugene Loew, (City of Concord)

Meeting convened at 10:07 AM

1. Introductions:

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

None

3. Announcements

- Susan JunFish: Women's March on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>; 10:30 Speeches, 11:30 March
- Andrew Sutherland announced upcoming IPM-related trainings:
  - UCIPM training for retail garden centers and nurseries in Oakland on January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - UC Berkeley Termite Field Day—Sponsored by Pest Control Operators of California (PCOC) on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Healthy Schools Act Training/CO2 Injection Device Demo at Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Center in Byron on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Wade Finlinson made the following announcements:
  - Stephen Prée was appointed to the Public Member At Large #2 Seat. It was also announced that Susan Heckly was reappointed to another term as the Fish & Wildlife Representative, and Andrew Sutherland was appointed to the Environmental Organization Seat.
  - Training on 2/25 Cal IPC—Non-Chemical Weed Control Techniques. A flyer was available for anyone interested.
  - Randy Sawyer has been promoted to the Deputy Health Services Director position overseeing Hazardous Materials Programs, Environmental Health, and Emergency Medical Services. Matt Kauffman will now be the Acting Hazardous Materials Programs Director.
- Susan Heckly: The Fish & Wildlife Committee is interested in creating an informational brochure/website for invasive species. Anyone interested in participating in the effort should connect with Susan or Wade.

4. Approve minutes from November 21, 2019

A motion was made and seconded (SH/MK) to approve the minutes to include submission of written public comments.

The motion carried:

AYES: Donnelly, Heckly, Kent, Rie, Sutherland, Hazard,

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: Captain, Prée

ABSENT:

Public Speakers: Susan JunFish requested that the committee include the written comments from Mackenzie Feldman from Herbicide-Free Campus in the minutes. She indicated that she would follow up to make sure the IPM Coordinator receives the written document.

5. Election of Committee Officers

The Committee nominated and voted unanimously for the following officers for a two-year term:

Jim Donnelly—Chair

Susan Captain—Vice Chair

Carlos Agurto—Secretary

Public speakers: None

6. Continue developing IPM Work Plan and Priorities for 2020

The Committee agreed to form and fill subcommittees as follows:

**Posting Task Force:**, Jim Donnelly (Chair), Larry Yost, Stephen Prée, Carlos Agurto

**Decision-making Subcommittee:** Andrew Sutherland (Chair), Jim Donnelly, Larry Yost, Susan Captain, Kimberly Hazard, Carlos Agurto

**Pilots & Grants Subcommittee:** Michael Kent (Chair), Carlos Agurto, Andrew Sutherland, Jim Donnelly

Once the Posting Task Force finalizes input from the Board of Supervisors, the IPM Advisory Committee may revisit the possibility of forming a new subcommittee to study the classification of chemicals as discussed in the November 2019 meeting of the IPM Advisory Committee. It was recommended that at the next meeting, the IPM Coordinator present briefly on other systems currently in place in other public agencies in the region.

The Chair and IPM Coordinator also presented the proposed schedule of speakers (The revised version is attached)

A motion was made and seconded (AS/KH) to approve the formation of the subcommittees as outlined and to approve the proposed speakers schedule through the July meeting.

The motion carried:

AYES: Donnelly, Heckly, Kent, Rie, Sutherland, Hazard, Captain, Prée

NOES: none

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Public Speakers: Shirley Shelengoski and Karen Perkins objected to Bob Simmons presenting in November. Susan JunFish expressed a preference of moving the grazing discussion to an IPM Committee meeting and agreed that Bob Simmons should not be invited. She also encouraged replacing one of the speakers with someone who could address toxicity categorization instead.

7. Review Committee bylaws and discuss whether the Committee would like to explore revising them in 2020  
There was consensus among Committee members to hold off on pursuing any changes to the bylaws at this time.
  
8. Hear reports from the Agriculture and Public Works Departments
  - Larry Yost gave an update on the Agriculture Department's Purple starthistle and Artichoke thistle programs which would be resuming in February.
  - Carlos Agurto indicated that they were seeing an uptick in rodent activity at some County facilities. He also mentioned that they would soon be submitting a proposal to do additional ground squirrel work at some locations.
  - Teri Rie said the Public Works Maintenance Division was evaluating the recommendations from the Committee and hoped to implement many of them. However, staffing on the vegetation management team continues to be a big concern and may limit implementation.
  
9. Plan agenda for next meeting
  - IPM Coordinator to give an overview of how the different agencies in the region are classifying their chemicals.
  - Confirm guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58

—end of meeting minutes—