

**COUNTY OF MARIN
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
3501 CIVIC CENTER DR, SAN RAFAEL, CA
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2016**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jean O'Leary
 Scot Sherman
 Rika Gopinath
 Kraemer Winslow
 Linda Novy
 Myrto Ashe
 Steven Swain
 Nanette Londeree
 Caitlin Crain

Absent: Steven Swain

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gopinath called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Rika introduced the newest Commissioner Caitlin Crain

2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

A member of the public read statements by various people on herbicides and pesticides
A member of the public shares her finding about pesticides.
A member of the public spoke on bringing the Open Space under the IPM.
A member of the public also spoke on the Open Space under the IPM
A member of the public talked about his appreciation of Chris Chamberlain's report in the last meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON OCTOBER 23, 2015

M/S Novy, Winslow to approve minutes for meeting held on October 23, 2015 with the correction of Commissioner O'Leary's statement to include the City of San Francisco.

Ayes M/S: Gopinath, Ashe, Swain, Sherman, O'Leary, Novy

ABSENT: Londeree

4. Election of Offices for 2016

The officers elected for 2016 are; Chairperson Rika Gopinath, First Chair Dr. Myrto Ashe, Second Vice Chair Dr. Scott Sherman.

M/S: Novy/Swain

AYES: Gopinath, Ashe, Sherman, Swain, Novy

ABSENT: Londeree

5. IPM Coordinator 's 2015 Fourth Quarter Report

Superintendent Chris Chamberlain presented the IPM Coordinators Report. This presentation of reports included; 4th Quarter Chemical Use Summary; 4th Quarter Non-Chemical IPM Report; 4th Quarter Non-Chemical Summary; Rodent Activity Graph 2015; and Memo 2015 4th Quarter Exemptions and Violations.

Superintendent Chris Chamberlain reviewed the accomplishments for the Non Chemical Practices that took place during the 4th quarter, stating that it was a very aggressive quarter for Non Chemical IPM Method & Practices. This would include anything from a weed eater operation, mulch installation, to hand pulling.

Superintendent Chamberlain discussed a violation of the IPM Ordinance that occurred in October 2015. Spectricide, an insecticide, was used at the Los Gamos Facilities by the landscape maintenance contractor. This product was not on the allowed products list, was not properly noticed, and the application was made to a turf area.

Superintendent Chamberlain reviewed the product applications that were made during the 4th quarter which included a November 3 application of finalsan, an application of Agri-fos combined with Petrabark to treat 50 oak trees in CSA 16 Greenbrae, and lastly a December 2 application Liberate mixed with Aquamaster made to the weeds surfacing in the center medians of Sir Francis Drake Blvd and Bon Air Road

There were also structural product applications made at the County jail.

On December 7 there was an exemption issued for an application of Aquamaster/Glyphosate to treat the medians on Sir Frances Drake Blvd and Bon Air Road.

Break at 10:08

Return from break at 10:18

6. 2015 ANNUAL IPM COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND 2016 ALLOWED PRODUCTS LIST

Chris Chamberlain presented the 2015 the IPM Coordinator's Report and answered a variety of questions from Commissioners. Superintendent Chamberlain stated that out of 146 sites 126 of those sites were maintained as pesticide free.

Superintendent Chamberlain went on to say that they have developed several partnerships with outside organizations in support of the County's IPM program. Marin Parks has partnered with the College of Marin students to do a solarization experiment at Hal Brown Creekside Marsh and noted that the County's volunteer program has increased by 17% in 2015.

Staff suggested that Reliant, a comparable alternative to Agri-fos, be added to the Proposed Allowed Landscape Products List. Staff also suggested the addition of Cimi-Shield to the Allowed Structural Products List, which is an organic alternative treatment specific to bed bug outbreaks in structural setting.

Superintendent Chamberlain talked a about Glyphosate product usage for 2015. Applications were made at 10 sites and resulted in an additional reduction of 15% from 2014.

Superintendent Chamberlain indicated that he would propose two new products. One product is Reliant the other is Suppress. He also stated they he would like to remove 7 products from the 2015 list which are Fiesta, Nemoil, Prostar, Emaside, Gallery, Astro, Metro, and Merit. These products are no longer used, available or have proven ineffective.

Staff also presented The Proposed Allowed Products Structural List, which has a recommended addition of Cimi-Shield, an organic alternative to control bed bugs in structural pest control settings.

M/S: Novy/Winslow to accept the IPM Coordinator's Report & 2016 Allowed Products List with the caveat that staff continue to explore alternatives to Glyphosate Products and continue to revisit on a quarterly basis.

Ayes: Ashe, Swain, Sherman, Gopinath

Nays: O' Leary

Absent: Londeree

7. REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON THE COMMISSION'S FY 2016-18 Biennial Report

MS: Sherman/Novy to accept the report as written and submitted.

Ayes: Ashe, Swain, Gopinath, O'Leary

Absent: Londeree

8. Commission Member Comment

Commissioner Novy will send staff a link for Sudden Oak disease. Dr. Drew Swart offered to give a presentation to the Marin Conservation League. The MCL Newsletter has an article about artificial turf that is online.

Commissioner Swain indicated that he completed a study regarding the practice of using bark scribing an alternative to Agrifos. Commissioner Swain also noted that he is looking forward to exploring the possibilities presented by Dr. Edgar.

Commissioner O'Leary noted that it is rose season. Several products at the store are not clear in their product labeling and that folks should read carefully to understand the ingredients. Product can kill bees.

Commissioner Winslow stated this is an Integrated Pest Management commission. She suggested that we consider an alternative name that is not indicative of pesticides.

Commissioner Gopinath thanked staff for their focused efforts on IPM alternative methods.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 P.M.