

IPM-TAG Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 15th, 2018

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Attendance:

Meeting was attended by:

Naresh Duggal - IPM Program
Chris Curry – IPM Program
Dawna Mencimer– SCC Roads Department
Jo Zienteke – SCC Department of Agriculture
Joe Deviney – SCC Department of Agriculture
Marion Blair – SCVWD
Zoriah Pierow - OSEC
Kathryn Mathewson – PASCC
Anna Griffin – PASCC
Mikail Price – Pestec
Carlos Ybarra – Crane
Kyle Phillips – Crane
Lorenzo Llamas – Western
Margie Vargas - SOS

Commence Meeting and Announcements:

Meeting was commenced at 10:10 a.m.

Request for more detailed description when use exemptions are put in the agenda

Existing Glyphosate stock will be used and no more will be purchased

Milestone is the only herbicide that the County is using, the County continues to search for additional tools, and essential oils have not shown to be viable in efficacy and safety

Specticle Flo is currently being assessed

Shade and soil biology can be used to reduce weeds

Seed heads need to be cut off before they spread

Public Outreach – Structural IPM:

There is no “silver bullet” that an applicator can use to solve structural pest problems

Current US and state incensing is only for application – it is not conducive to alternate means to solve pest problems. We don’t have a model that allows for pest control professionals to provide non-chemical solutions.

Neem oil is a wonderful product. Certified wildlife habitats can help balance insect populations.

Non-structural IPM topics will be discussed further in the next meeting.

Andrew Sutherland was not available today, but he indicated that he will be available to assist

We would like to establish a subcommittee of pest professionals to further discuss the end product that will be created.

The training will be first come first served

Structural pest control is the first training. Once it is established, we will look into landscape and other pest control areas.

Necessary curriculum will likely follow Perdue University and us UC online training

SOS - IPM is proactive...customer (public) involvement and education is equally important to be successful. Customers keeping up with sanitation, maintenance helps tremendously.

Ag- Hopes that this kind of training could become mandatory at some point. 16 hours could be hard to condense into an online training. We are eagerly waiting to see if some of the new IPM vertebrate technologies will be available and effective.

Pestec – Looking forward to working on this, currently working with a graphic designer

RDA (Dawna) – Employees are also homeowners so training at the County will help overall. This should be mandatory for at least facility managers.

Western – This program is long overdue. The exam and study materials are pesticide driven.

SCVWD – We are trying to become more integrated in pest management, but they have a huge number of linear feet. They would be very interested in a vegetation management program that could come out in the future.

IPM program does not advocate and repellents that people would be wearing

PASCC- Trainings could also go to garden clubs. There is a need to train the board directors as well as it could help spend money wisely.

Safety committee meetings for County workers could help with sanitation, and general awareness of IPM and its principles. It could only take 10 minutes.

RDA (Anna) – Employees and managers that clean up on their own and are educated are more effective in reducing pesticide use and better health. This is long overdue

Crane – Public education on what they are buying and how they are applying is really a key issue

A big key in participation will be in keeping it free and providing CEUS, They want to participate.

General Public Comments:

No general public contents

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.