

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA – INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING – MINUTES

Reference Number: IPM-TAG 71-08-20-19
Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Venue: County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing 11th
Floor, Conference Room 1-2

A. Convene Meeting and Announcements

10:05AM – 10:25AM

- Announcements, updates, and distribution of background information and letters from the public.*
“To Protect Children, EPA Must Decide Based on Science, Not Industry Lobbying” from Beyond Pesticides – distributed by Charlene Lillie
- Fumigations with Vikane for control of drywood termites, carpet beetles etc.*
Cheriel Jensen expressed concern that fluoride will remain in public buildings after fumigant is exhausted.
IPM program explained that Vikane was selected after other options were not feasible given the circumstances and conditions of the artifacts. Currently 99.98% of county structures are managed non-chemically.
IPM program will do further study on the subject.
Michelle Thom explained that fumigators must go through structure with PPM detectors to ensure that the fumigant is completely.
- Herbicide exemptions – Imazamox and Flumioxizin*
Cheriel Jensen expressed that the County should not be using any herbicides and that pesticides that are applied do not go away.
IPM program explained that the justification for use is related to the fire hazard from roadside vegetation and that there was a genuine need. The County has gone from 20,000 acres to 300 acres of roadside under chemical management.
Kathryn Matthewson stated that she attended a County Landscape Fire Safety meeting and they did not include anything about how to keep landscapes safe or IPM.
- IPM Spatial Monitoring and Data Management Software*
Meetings are ongoing with PRK for data reporting, FAF has determined that they are not able to participate, RDA will participate – Selected vendor indicates that the project has become too complicated to continue. Alternate options are being explored.

B. Discussion on Roles and Responsibilities of IPM-TAG Members and Department IPM Coordinators

10:25AM – 11:15AM

IPM-TAG MEMBERS ROLES:

Inform and Advise TAG on IPM Conditions and Updates

- New pesticide alternatives
- New IPM-related research
- Report observed trends in pest activity

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Provide Comments to the County Executive

- Communicate with executive office through IPM Program

Achieve Agreements Towards Intent of Ordinance

- Provide interpretation of how Ordinance guides actions

Review IPM Program

- Review program documents and reports
- Review pesticide use

DEPARTMENT IPM COORDINATORS ROLES:

Coordinate Department IPM Activities/Projects

- Create P.O.s and schedule work with vendors
- Ensure pesticide use postings
- Review vendor work for completeness

IPM Record Keeping

- Maintain pest control and pesticide use records
- Pesticide labels
- SDS

Observe and Report IPM Conditions

- Read IPM vendor and in-house reports
- Collect IPM-related staff comments
- Be aware of conditions

Fill and Submit Pesticide Use Exemptions

- Work with department PCA and County IPM Coordinator

IPM Program indicated that effective communication and participation is necessary for the IPM-TAG to move the County from reactive pest control to reactive pest control.

Each of the five County departments (PRK, FAF, SSA, RDA, HHS) should have, and be sending, representatives as IPM-TAG members and as department IPM coordinators. If one person holds both roles, that is fine.

Form an information chain, where information can make it back to the TAG and proactive decisions can be made.

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C. Public Comment

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Cindy Russell stated that it was good to discuss roles and responsibilities and requested information on County Parks and organic agriculture. IPM program indicates that in 2011 the County received Martial Cottle Parks which was changed to organic farming where Jacobs farms manages and continues to this point. Also include are water harvesting, pervious hardscape, and urban forestry. Attendees were encouraged to visit the park.

Jen Codianne expressed that a cross jurisdictional cooperation will be needed to ensure control of stink wort. This was eradication projects by one agency are not spoiled by lack of control by other agencies. IPM program will look at maps sent by SCVWD and look further into meeting and working together.

Kathryn Matthewson expressed that tree planting needs to have holes bored in the bottom of the planting hole to provide drainage and access to groundwater. IPM program will include tree planting information that is submitted to it into the County Forest Management Guidelines. Also indicated was that organic farming does not mean good soil and that solar powered water circulation should be used. IPM program indicated that these are used in County ponds.

Lorenzo Llamas indicated that Western would be willing to provide training on their reporting system and learning how to find conducive conditions. IPM program will coordinate.

Brian Drace indicated that he does receive reports of IPM conditions from staff members that care. He is unsure if staff require more training to enhance reporting.

D. Adjourn

11:30 AM