

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

Reference Number: IPM-TAG 75-10-27-20
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Venue: Zoom Teleconference

Zoom Link:
<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/99450877818>
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Meeting ID: 994 5087 7818

IPM Program Staff:

Naresh Duggal
Chris Curry

TAG - Member Attendees:

Cindy Russel
Anna Griffin
Kathryn Matthewson
Charlene Lilie

County Attendees:

Jasneet Sharma – Office of Sustainability
Vanessa Marcadejas – Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency

Public Attendees

Frank Pulido – Western Exterminator
Lorenzo Llamas – Western Exterminator
Marion Blair – Valley Water
Cheriel Jensen
Doug Muirhead

Requests made by public: Questions in letter submitted by Cindy Russel answered within one week

Opportunity to review the original proposal to delete IPM program staff

Additional information on the Regional IPM Alliance.

A. Convene Meeting and IPM Staff Position Deletion Announcement 10:00AM – 10:10AM

The IPM program has been asked by the County Executive Office to analyze the service impacts of deleting the County IPM Program Manager position and the IPM Program Sr. Management Analyst position.

UPDATE: The County Executive is considering a number of proposals to balance the budget. At this time, the IPM Program proposal has been withdrawn. We can provide information as we learn more.

B. Position Deletion Service Impacts Presentation 10:10AM – 10:20AM

Service impacts document was reviewed

C. General Public Comment 10:20AM – 10:40AM

Cindy Russel – IPM-TAG member for 20 years. This is a fair, well-functioning program and is impressive that the IPM Program has added urban forestry and sustainable landscaping, as they are all related. A letter was written with several questions and she would like to see them answered within a week. She would like to see the original proposal that proposed the elimination of these positions. It is vital and critical that these positions be maintained.

Doug Muirhead – Would like more information on the Regional IPM Alliance and how much the program works with other municipalities outside of County government. Increasing partnerships could raise awareness and increase sustainability of the IPM program during uncertain budget challenges. IPM program is a center of competence and excellence that is unknown. He is pleased that proposal has been withdrawn.

Naresh Duggal – The IPM program is currently working to complete a regional IPM alliance with city of Morgan Hill. Program is participating in workshops organized by Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority focused on conservation and carbon sequestration in the Coyote Valley. See weblink: [Nature as Infrastructure by Open Space Authority.org](#)

Kathryn Matthewson – It is very important that we are provided a timeframe on receiving answers to Cindy Russel’s questions. The work of the program reduces the expenses of the County and improves the health of the land and the citizens. Program does a fabulous job with only two people. She is requesting a copy of the proposal to

delete IPM program positions and would like a timeframe for when that will be provided. Please let us know if you can't get it.

Chris Curry – We do not have that information at this time. If it is made available to us, then we will share with TAG.

Marion Blair – Were they going to delete the entire program?

Chris Curry – The proposal was to delete two positions, that would be Naresh's and mine. Those are the only two positions in the program.

Marion Blair – I'm glad that it seems that they have changed that decision. Jen Codianne has been promoted and John Chapman is now field manager for vegetation. Requests that all three from Valley water be added to TAG email list.

Anna Griffin – Thank you for all the work that you have done. It is amazing all the work that you and Naresh are able to do because you don't have any staff to support you. She is a member of SEIU 521 and worked on establishing the IPM Ordinance. We need the IPM Program. There are problems already and they will be worse if the program is not available for the workers and the public. Workers use chemicals and they need to know exactly how toxic or dangerous they are. It is not about what is costs, it about what is saves; it saves lives. Thank you and applaud all the hard work Program has done.

Charlene Lilie – We have worked on this for many years and thank you for all your work. Wanted to use the term residents instead of citizens.

D. Adjourn

10:40 AM