

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

**Reference Number:** IPM-TAG 78-08-17-21  
**Date:** **Tuesday, August 18, 2021**  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Venue:** **Zoom Teleconference**

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**Attendees:** Chris Curry, Naresh Duggal, Cheriell Jensen, Frank Pulido, Lorenzo Llamas, Ron Neal, Ruben Castro, Scott Green, Anna Griffin, Chris Pilson, Helena Roberts, Kathryn Matthewson

**A. Convene Meeting and Announcements** **10:00AM – 10:15AM**

Meeting convened at 10:03  
No announcements

**B. Online Training Program Development** **10:15AM – 11:15AM**

Naresh Duggal: IPM Program staff desired to develop training modules previously, but COVID did not make this possible. Staff are now focused on creating training.

Presentation was given.

Anna Griffin: Clarified which residents will be targeted for outreach.

Naresh: Potentially all residents. Facility managers will be another outreach target to improve sanitation, maintenance, and housekeeping.

Naresh: IPM staff outreach is currently need-based. We engage stakeholders to solve problems. We hope that these online trainings will help make SMH regular knowledge among stakeholders.

Anna: Will these be made available to Board of Supervisors.

Naresh Duggal: These videos will be available to all

Richard Ramos: No additional feedback at this time.

Ruben Castro: No additional feedback. Appreciated the good information

Ron Neal: Does not anticipate much change to the program this fall.

Lorenzo Llamas: Western is content with the current process, but is looking forward to improving in the future

Chris Pilson: No additional feedback

Scott Green: Thinks the program is great

Helena Roberts: Nothing to add right now

Frank Pulido: Nothing to add

Cheriel Jensen: Monsanto has promoted even more dangerous chemicals for weed control. Tenting houses for termite control is not reasonable, just a few observations.

Naresh Duggal: This program will address herbicide choices in vegetation management. We have set up drywood termite treatments alternatives in the County, but it will take some time to eliminate fumigation.

Cheriel Jensen: Other counties use mowing on roadsides

Naresh Duggal: We do manage 75% of our roadsides non-chemically.

Kathryn Matthewson: Weeds need to be removed before they reseed. Healthy soil biology will eliminate weeds. Suggested test area where composted soil can see if weeds are eliminated. Chemicals have killed the biology in our soil

Naresh Duggal: Acknowledges the value of nature-based solutions in pest management.

**C. General Public Comment**

**11:15AM – 11:30AM**

None

**D. Adjourn**

**11:30AM**

Meeting adjourned at 10:49

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