

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

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

Absent: Steven Swain

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gopinath called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Several members of the public came forward to speak on issues not on the agenda

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON APRIL 22, 2016

M/S Novy/Sherman to approve the minutes with the correction of the correct spelling Meriam.

Ayes M/S Londeree, O'Leary, Ashe, Crain, Gopinath, Winslow

Nay: None

ABSENT: Swain

4. STAFF FROM THE INVASIVE SPARTINA PROJECT (ISP) WILL PRESENT AN UPDATE ON THEIR COMPREHENSIVE IPM EFFORTS TO ERADICATE SPARTINA FROM THE MARSH AT CREEKSIDE MARSH AT HAL BROWN PARK.

Commissioners received a presentation from Drew Kerr & Sandra Guldman of the ISP project on the history, current status, and future of the ISP at Hal Brown Park site.

Break at 10:08

Return from break at 10:18

5. IPM COORDINATOR'S 2016 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Superintendent Chamberlain provided an update on the IPM program for the second quarter of 2016, giving an overview of all the reports previously sent to commissioners. His update

included volunteer hours and highlights, rodent activity, monthly pesticide use reports. There were no exemptions or violations in the second quarter.

Al Hom gave a report on preliminary findings on some of the organic products. The overall performance was fairly good. Al stated in order to get good results you will need to use a lot of it and may have to use repeat applications which will cost more.

Commissioners Londeree and Sherman will work with Chris Chamberlain on an op-ed piece to educate the community and the professionals regarding a new approach to organic products and the cost.

6. ANNUAL IPM AWARD

Chair Gopinath suggested that the criteria for the award be clarified and adopted. An Ad Hoc will be formed to meet and set criteria for this award. The committee would formalize the criteria and bring a recommendation for the 2016 recipient to the commission at the October meeting.

The Ad Hoc committee will consist of Nanette Londeree and Myrto Ashe. Nominees for the 2016 award are Barbara Bogard (Pesticide Free Main), Pablo Rosales, the McInnis Golf Course, Drew Kerr and Sandy Goldman (Invasive Spartina Project), Chris Chamberlain, (Marin County Parks & Open Space), and Al Hom (Marin County Parks & Open Space).

MS: Novy, Sherman

Ayes: Londeree, O'Leary, Ashe, Crain, Gopinath, Winslow

Absent: Swain

7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Linda Novy stated Sarah Minnick was on the cover of Invasive Plant Counsel Newsletter. Linda also read a few statements from the newsletter which stated that another subset of the World Health Organization considered that under normal labeled usage that Glyphosate does not pose a cancer risk.

Kramer Winslow stated that Carla will send out contact information for everyone on the IPM Commission. Commissioner Winslow stated that it would be a good idea to have a spotlight on Broom.

Scott Sherman would like to have a better understanding of the Brown Act.

Chair Gopinath issued a challenge to the Commission to lead from the front. Chair Gopinath also challenged the Commissioners to view all the volunteer opportunities that are available and get involved but not only get involved but spread the word about those opportunities in their circle of influence.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 P.M.