

**COUNTY OF MARIN
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
3501 CIVIC CENTER DR, SAN RAFAEL, CA
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2016**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Jean O'Leary
- Scot Sherman
- Rika Gopinath
- Kraemer Winslow
- Linda Novy (arrived at 905)
- Myrto Ashe (arrived at 905)
- Steven Swain (arrived at 907)
- Nanette Londeree
- Caitlin Crain

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gopinath called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Chair Gopinath noted one change on the Agenda. Item 8 is being dropped from the agenda because it is now a 2 year Workplan instead of 1 year.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON JULY 22, 2016

M/S: Londeree/O'Leary to approve the minutes with the following corrections #5 change to Chris instead of Christ, Steven Swain was not present at the last meeting, and Commissioners Londeree & Sherman will work with Chris Chamberlain on the op-ed piece.

AYES: Sherman, Gopinath, Winslow, Crain, Ashe,

Nay: None

ABSENT: Swain, Novy,

4. IPM COORDINATOR'S 2016 3rd QUARTER REPORT.

Chris Chamberlain presented the 3rd Quarter Report which included landscape and structural product applications, non-chemical efforts and the volunteer program summary, and exemptions & violations for the quarter.

There was a single exemption in the 3rd Quarter which was for Fresh Cab Balsam Fir Oil Rodent Repellent.

There was also a violation that happened on September 15, 2016. Staff at Stafford Lake Park found 4 empty 12 oz bottles of Ortho Poison Ivy control in the garbage can on the Disc Golf

Course hole #8. Staff did not witness any application being made, nor were they able to locate the treated/affected area.

5. BURROWING GROUND SQUIRREL CONCERNS AT STAFFORD LAKE PARK

Al Hom gave a slide presentation of the IPM challenge with ground squirrels and how the burrows impact the structural foundations of the facilities. Al and Chris also fielded questions from the Commissioners.

Break at 10:27

Return from break at 10:39

6. PROPOSED ALLOWED PRODUCTS

Chris Chamberlain and Al Hom presented the proposed allow product list. Al indicated that there would be some additions and deletions to the 2017 Proposed Structural Allowed List. The deletions are EVAC, which the manufacturer stop making, the other product is Gentrol. Al indicated there are other products that work better. In addition, Al has proposed that Fresh Cab be added also. Barricade will also be deleted

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

Chair Gopinath appointed an AD Hoc Committee to bring back a slate of recommended candidates for 2017. The Committee will consist of Commissioners Winslow, Crain, and O'Leary.

8. ANNUAL IPM AWARD

Chair Gopinath stated that the commission could not act on the Annual IPM Award at this time because the criteria for the award had not been established so this item is no longer an action item. Chair Gopinath suggested that a motion be made to have the conversation in this meeting regarding the criteria.

M/S: Londeree/Sherman to have conversation regarding the criteria for the IPM Award

AYES: Gopinath, Ashe, O'Leary, Crain, Swain, Winslow, Novy

NAY: None

A discussion ensued regarding the criteria for the Annual IPM Award. Commissioner Sherman stated that he believes that part of the criteria should be beneficial result orientated. Up to two nominees may be awarded in a year. Candidate must meet at least one of the listed criteria. Revised criteria will be sent out to the commission.

A discussion regarding the nominees ensued as to who would submit nomination letters for the nominees: Pablo Rosales of McInnis Golf Course (Chris Chamberlain), Drew Kerr and Sandra Guldman (Linda Novy), Chris Chamberlain and Al Hom (Rika Gopinath) Ann Spake (Jean O'Leary) Dr. Rothman (Rika Gopinath)

Chair Gopinath selected Linda Novy and Scott Sherman to serve on the AD Hoc Committee that will review the nominations and return to the Commission in January with a recommendation for the award.

9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner O'Leary stated that Monsanto is being sold to Bayer

Commissioner Novy stated that the Marin Conversation League had a great event in which the Invasive Spartina Project and the McInnis Golf Center maintenance staff each presented their IPM Efforts and Commissioner Swain gave a commentary as to what IPM is. Board of Supervisor Katie Rice led the program talking about Marin County's Pesticide Education Campaign. Commissioner Novy also noted that on November 8th the Board of Supervisors will be considering adoption of the Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan of the County Open Space District.

Commissioner Wilson commented that she likes the way the information for the meeting was distributed this time. Commissioner Wilson also commented on the IPM Website.

Commissioner Ashe shared reports that she had heard on NPR. Commissioner Ashe also stated that she read an article on Cancer Clusters and brain cancer in children are on the rise.

Chair Gopinath thanked Commissioners Londeree and Sherman for working on an article that will be published in the Marin Voice highlighting the County's and the Commission's work.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 P.M.