

**COUNTY OF MARIN
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
3501 CIVIC CENTER DR, SAN RAFAEL, CA
MINUTES FOR MEETING APRIL 28 2017**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jean O’Leary
 Rika Gopinath
 Kraemer Winslow
 Linda Novy
 Myrto Ashe
 Steven Swain
 Nanette Londeree

ABSENT: Scott Sherman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gopinath called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Chris Chamberlain introduced Jim Chayka as the new IPM Coordinator.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Several members of the public came forward for public comment.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON JANUARY 27 2017
M/S NOVY/WINSLOW**

AYES: O’Leary, Gopinath, Winslow, Novy, Ashe, Swain Londeree

ABSENT: Sherman

4. PRESENTATION OF 2016 IPM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Chris Chamberlain and Commissioner Gopinath presented the IPM Achievement Awards to the 2 Recipients, Pablo Rosales from the Mclinnis Golf Course, and Anne Spake.

M/S: Novy/Winslow made a motion to take a 10 minute break

AYES: Novy, Winslow, Ashe, Gopinath, Swain, O’Leary, Londeree

ABSENT: Sherman

5. PRESENTATION BY COAST LANDSCAPE STAFF ON MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNTY’S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CAMPUS IN SAN RAFAEL.

Chris Chamberlain introduced Larry Wei and John Spruce from Coast Landscape. Larry and John gave a PowerPoint Presentation on their maintenance efforts and compliance with the County’s IPM Ordinance and Policy at the County’s Health and Wellness Center. They also

fielded questions from the Commissioners which included a question from Commission Novy about soil management. Larry Wei stated that they feed the soil and not the plants and by doing so it allows the mulch to decompose.

6. IPM COORDINATOR'S 2017 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Chris Chamberlain presented the 1st Quarter Report which included the Non-Chemical IPM Management & Practices, 2017 1st Quarter Material Applications, Rodent Activity, 2017 1st Quarter Exemptions and Violations.

Chris stated the contractor for the new Civic Center medians is RJM Landscape and they have a 1 year contract. Chris also stated that they are using shredded double grind redwood fir for the mulch as well as sheet mulching as an additional weed control barrier.

The two herbicide applications that took place in the 1st Quarter were; Finalsan/Competitor mix and Specticle Flo were made on the traffic medians along Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

There were no exemptions or violations during the first quarter of 2017.

7. ANNUAL IPM AWARD CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

Conversation ensued regarding the criteria and selection process. Chair Gopinath stated that in the July IPM Board Meeting the Board would call for nominations and accept nominations by September 1st. Nominations would be given to Jim Chayka who is the IPM Coordinator. Those that meet the eligible requirements will be forwarded to a subcommittee created by the chair at the July meeting by October 1st. The subcommittee would then present their review, analysis and recommendation in advanced of the October meeting. During the October meeting the commissioners would discuss the nominations and recommendations of the subcommittee prior to formally voting and selecting a recipient(s) of the 2017 IPM Achievement award. The award would then be presented to recipient(s) at the January 2018 regular IPM Commission meeting.

Commissioner Novy suggested that a timeline be made for the criterial and selection process so that the commissioners can stay on track.

Chair Gopinath stated that nominations can come from the public, but all nominations must be presented in writing by the person making the nomination.

Commissioner Winslow commented on page 2 on the draft and suggested it be changed to "encourage people to think of and consider implementing alternative ways of doing things with demonstrative results".

M/S: Novy/Swain made a motion to adopt as amended

AYE: Gopinath, Novy, Swain, Londeree, Winslow, Ashe, O'Leary

ABSENT: Sherman

8. COMMISONNER COMMENTS

Commissioner Winslow stated that the PAN, Pesticide Action Network, is meeting on Saturday May 6 in Oakland. Two scientists, Dr. Warren Porter, an Environmental Toxicologist from Madison Wisconsin University, and Dr. Tyrone Hayes a Biologist from the University of California Berkley, will be at this meeting.

Commissioner O'Leary stated that Roundup is appearing on television and Costco has put Roundup - on their shelves.

Commissioner Novy stated that she would like to have a rollout of the county's "Think before you spray" campaign at one of our commission meetings. She would also like to get a presentation on Sudden Oak Death to the Commission by either IPM Commissioner Steven Swain or Drew Zwart. Commissioner Novy stated she saw, on a recent trip to Bali, a lot of rice field cultivation where they used to rest and relax their rice fields and take them out of production for a year and that helped with their pest management. They have since changed their practices and are cultivating their rice fields year round and seeing an increase in pests as a result. Some farmers have gone back to the traditional ways to help with the pest control.

M/S: Novy/Winslow to adjourn meeting.

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

ABSENT: Sherman

Meeting adjourn 11:33