

**COUNTY OF MARIN  
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
3501 CIVIC CENTER DR, SAN RAFAEL, CA  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 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 9:02 a.m. Chair Gopinath introduced the newest Commissioner, Caitlin Crain, who talked about her background and why she wanted to join the IPM Commission.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

A member of the public requested a plan on limited use exemptions and also to put it on the agenda.

A member of the public stated that by IPM ordinance, Glyphosate is not allowed.

A member of the public spoke on bringing the Open Space under the IPM.

A member of the public also spoke on bringing the Open Space under the IPM

A member of the public talked about his appreciation of Chris Chamberlain’s report in the last meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON JANUARY 22, 2016**

**M/S Novy/Sherman to approve the minutes with the correction of the correct spelling of Neem Oil and add Dr. Drew Swart offered to come and give a presentation and Commissioner O’Learys statement on rose spray kills bees.**

**Ayes M/S: Londeree, O’Leary, Ashe, Crain, Gopinath**

**Nay: None**

**ABSENT: Swain**

**4. IPM COORDINATOR’S 2016 FIRST QUARTER REPORT**

Chris Chamberlain presented the 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report. In January there were two applications; Tritex that was mixed with Crosshair. Banner Maxx was used to treat the McGinnis Golf Center. In February there was a single application at the Health and Wellness Center and in March there were no applications.

The structural application Terro PCO was used at the Airport and at the Health and Wellness Center.

Alternative methods used consist of mechanical, weed whips; hand weeding and anything that will help reduce the use of Chemicals.

Commissioner Novy would like a tracking report of the Volunteers & Staff Non-Chemical IPM methods hours from 2016 to compare. Chris will give a mid-year update at the next meeting. Chair Gopinath suggested speaking off line and agendaing some additional ways without putting a burden on staff on making the information more assessable.

Commissioner Londeree asked if there something unusual about March of this year because the Rodent activity was lower than previously reported. Al Hom stated that part of it was malfunctioning of the traps, training of a new person; and several other factors could have contributed to it.

Chris also presented pictures of Volunteers Events to the Commissioners.

Chris Chamberlain suggested the Commission compose a letter to be sent to the Project Managers requesting that IPM issues be addressed. Chair Gopinath asked Commission Sherman to be a liaison to report back to the Commission any concerns because of his work on various commissions.

Break at 10:17

Return from break at 10:27

## **5. UPDATE ON COUNTY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

Chris Chamberlain gave an update on the Landscape Maintenance Contracts. The BOS requested we look at the traffic medians contract with Gardner's Guild to see if we could do the maintenance contract without the use of Glyphosate. Chris indicated that he has been working with Gardner's Guild on a proposal for a contract amendment.

Chris stated that he went back to the BOS in April and presented the proposed contract amendment at that time he also gave an update on the Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan and offered County Parks assistance with public outreach initiative to look at the usage of pesticides throughout the county.

The contract amendment will increase by \$100,000.00 which will include; labor frequencies; traffic control; and the cost of organic herbicides in order to maintain the medians without the use of Glyphosate.

The contract will go before the BOS on May 3 and represents a pilot program. Chris will update the Commission and BOS on the successes & challenges of this effort.

There will be 8 sites managed Glyphosate free and is the reason why the contract is \$100,000.00. They are as follows: Rush Creek Landscape Frontage, Santa Venetia Promenade, Merian Drive, Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Bon Air Road, Alameda Del Prado, Civic Center Drive and North San Pedro Road.

## **6. STAFF FROM THE MCINNIS GOLF CENTER WILL PRESENT AN UPDATE ON THEIR IPM EFFORTS IN MANAGING THE GOLF COURSE UNDER THE COUNTY'S IPM PROGRAM**

McInnis Golf Center Maintenance Supervisor, Pablo Rosales, presented a PowerPoint Presentation

on their IPM Program in managing the Golf Course.

**7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Novy stated that a letter from the Marin Conservation League was sent to the BOS regarding the campaign to reduce Herbicide use. Commissioner Novy will send Carla Scott a copy.

Commissioner Sherman asked if there were any programs in the county that were measuring outflow.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 A.M.