

**COUNTY OF MARIN
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
3501 CIVIC CENTER DR, SAN RAFAEL, CA
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2017**

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 9:01 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON OCTOBER 28, 2016

M/S: Novy/Sherman to approve the minutes with the following item 3 Ashe was not absent 6 spelling "proposed" and "Fresh Cab" be added and deletion of "Barricade"

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

Nay: None

ABSENT: Swain, Novy, Ashe

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/S Novy/O'Leary approve election for officers Chair/Gopinath, Vice Chair/Sherman 2nd Vice Chair/Ashe

AYES – All

NAYES - None

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. SELECTION OF 2016 MARIN COUNTY IPM AWARD

MS Winslow/Crain

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 Winslow commented that she likes the way the information for the meeting was

distributed this time. Commissioner Winslow 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.