

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

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

ABSENT: Steven Swain

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gopinath called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Open time for public expression, up to three minutes per speaker, on items not on today’s agenda. Commissioners will hear items without return comment or discussion. Testimony regarding matters not on the agenda will not be considered part of the administrative record.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON APRIL 28, 2017

M/S: Londeree/Sadlier to approve the minutes with corrections

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Winslow

4. IPM COORDINATOR’S 2017 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Jim Chayka gave the IPM Coordinator’s 2017 3rd Quarter Report which included the Non-Chemical 2nd Quarter Summary; Material Usage Summary, Rodent Activity Graph, and the 2nd Quarter Exemptions and Violations Summary.

For 2nd Quarter there was 6,000 hours of staff and IPM labor, volunteer’s hours were around 3,000 and our contract hours are around 2,000.

Volunteer work at Stafford Lake Park focused around broom removal and trail work. Volunteer work at Hall Brown Park consisted of sheet mulching.

There was a violation in May at Los Gamos and one exemption for termite treatment at the snack bar at McNears.

5. PRESENTATION BY IPM SPECIALIST AL HOM ON JAPANESE KNOTWEED

County IPM Specialist Al Hom presented an informational PowerPoint on Japanese Knotweed, an invasive noxious weed, and the associated land management challenges. This is a very quick growing weed and can displace native plants. This weed can also cause soil erosion. It can grow

through concrete and asphalt. It is one of the most difficult weeds to eradicate. It is estimated that in the UK to eradicate Japanese Knotweed it will cost 2.6 billion.

It takes about 5-10 years to eradicate the Knotweed. Some methods that have been used are to control the Knotweed is mechanical and manual digging. In order to control the Knotweed you have to get rid of it at the root.

IPM Specialist Hom answered questions from the Commissioners. Commissioners would like the PowerPoint Presentation to be sent to them.

M/S: Winslow/Londeree to take a 10-minute break.

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Swain

6. PRESENTATION BY STAFF AND COALITION MEMBERS ON THE 'THINK BEFORE YOU SPRAY' CAMPAIGN

Kevin Wright gave a PowerPoint Presentation on outreach efforts to Marin residents encouraging a reduction in the use of herbicides when managing weeds in residential yards and gardens. The campaign provides resources via the website www.yardsmartmarin.org.

7. UPDATE ON COUNTY'S GLYPHOSATE-FREE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Jim Chayka gave the Commissioners an update on the Glyphosate-Free Maintenance Program. Jim stated that we have entered into contract with Gardner's Guild to continue efforts in the new Fiscal Year.

8. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL IPM AWARDS

Commissioner Gopinath stated that nominations are now open for the Annual IPM Awards. Nominations can be submitted by the public for this award. Any Nomination needs to be submitted with a letter of support by the person or organization making the nomination and submitted to IPM Coordinator, Jim Chayka, by September 1st. Jim Chayka will then review the nomination to see if they meet the established criteria. He will then pass on to a sub-committee consisting of 3 members. On October 1st the sub-committee will begin the process of reviewing and analyzing the nominations to make a recommendation to the IPM Commission for up to 2 awardees. The nomination process then needs to be completed by the sub-committee and given back to Jim Chayka by October 19th. At the IPM October meeting the Commissioners will then be able to hear the presentation from the subcommittee of who they recommend. The Board will then be able to vote on up to two (2) awardees. The actual awards will be given at the January meeting.

Commissioners O'Leary, Sherman and Novy volunteered to be on the Sub-committee

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

M/S Novy, Londeree to adjourn

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Swain

Meeting adjourn 12:15