

**COUNTY OF MARIN
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING JULY 24, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraemer Winslow
Thomas Perry
Rika Gopinath
Myrto Ashe
Scott Sherman
Steven Swain
Susan Hoop
Nannette Londeree

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Sherman. Chair Sherman asked the commissioners to introduce themselves, affiliation and who appointed them along with activities they do outside the IPM Commission.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public spoke about Broom Service in the valley

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON January 24, 2020

M/S Gopinath/Sadlier

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

4. IPM COORDINATOR'S 2020^{1st} & 2nd Quarter Report

Jim Chayka presented the 1st & 2nd Quarter report. 2nd Quarter no application was made to landscapes.

Total Non-Chemical IPM staff hours for 1st & 2nd Quarter is 10357, total volunteer hours is 4572, and contractor hours is 6027 which include weed whipping, mulch installation, sheet mulching, flaming, irrigation repair and much more.

There were no exemptions or violations of Marin County IPM Policy in the first quarter 2020

On June 3rd, 2020. An exemption was issued for Termidor HE to treat termites.

On June 3rd, 2020 an exemption was issued for Bora Care to treat termites.

On June 30, 2020 an exemption was issued for PT Waspfreeze II for use in parks, picnic areas, and playground areas.

There were no violations in the second quarter of 2020

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5. IPM ACTIVITIES DURING COVID AND SHELTER IN PLACE

Commissioners and staff discussed impact to the landscape industry and other partner organizations during the shelter-in-place orders in Marin.

Commissioner Gopinath stated that Yardsmart Marin is a one stop shop for information on what to do about weeds rodents, and bugs. There is also an outreach to the community who are starting home gardens. Commissioner Londeree also does a weekly blog for Yardsmart.

Commissioner Londeree presented a video on a Firesmart Landscaping

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ALLOWED PRODUCTS LIST AND EXEMPTIONS PROCESS

Jim Chayka gave a presentation and explained the Marin County Pesticide Exemption Process. The process is as follows:

- IPM staff receive request to apply pesticide not on Allowed Products List (“List”) from contractors or other county staff;
- IPM staff evaluate whether treatment is needed and explore non-chemical or least toxic alternatives to requested pesticide
- If requested pesticide is determined to be necessary, an exemption application is completed by IPM staff and filed with Dept. of Environmental Health for review and approval;
- If exemption is reviewed and approved, it is posted to the IPM website and reviewed at quarterly commission meetings
- Product is applied
- Monitoring

7. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL IPM AWARDS

Chair Sherman gave an overview of the Award Timeline along with the Award Criteria. Deadline for nominations are Oct 31, 2020. All nominations are to be sent to Jim Chayka via email at jchayka@marincounty.org

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Several commissioners came forward with comments

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