

Minutes (Corrected)
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on IPM Decision-Making
February 21, 2019

Members Present: Susan Captain, Jim Donnelly, Gretchen Logue, Andrew Sutherland (Chair), Larry Yost

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's office; Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator

Members of the public: Dave Shoemaker and Susan JunFish, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There was none.

3. Approve minutes of November 6, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. (SC/LY)

Ayes: Captain, Sutherland, Yost

Noes: None

Abstain: Donnelly, Logue

Absent: None

4. Elect a chair

Andrew Sutherland was unanimously chosen to be chair until December 2019.

Gretchen Logue agreed to be vice chair until December 2019.

5. Set Goals for 2019

Members discussed the following goals:

1. Taking subcommittee recommendations to decision-makers
2. Talking to Public Works Maintenance Division about the subcommittee's recommendations and asking them how flood control access roads are handled.
3. Finishing the ground squirrel document

With help from Jill Ray, the following process was formulated for taking recommendations to decision-makers:

- a. The committee prepares their recommendations in writing
- b. The committee meets with Department representatives to discuss the recommendations (the committee should have on hand any research that could support the recommendations)
Note: If the Department says they have no money for the recommendations or that they are not interested, the recommendations can still go to TWIC; however, the committee would need to have research to back up the efficacy of any changes and realistic funding mechanisms for the changes.
- c. The subcommittee takes the recommendations to the full IPM Advisory Committee for approval
- d. With the blessing of the full committee, the subcommittee takes the recommendations to TWIC.

The committee asked the IPM Coordinator to determine whom the committee should invite from Public Works to answer questions, and to ask Animal Services about their policy on feral cats.

6. Discuss how to communicate committee recommendations to the County

This was handled in the item above.

7. Review ground squirrel decision document

Members discussed the Ventura County answers to their questions about the raptor perch study (see attached). Any follow-up questions should go to Susan Captain. She will contact Ventura County staff again. Members discussed the ground squirrel decision document and made several changes.

The committee was interested in determining the costs of doing a rigorous raptor perch study that included using grout in the burrows so that CCC could consider doing its own properly designed and executed investigation.

8. Plan next meeting agenda

The next meeting will be March 11, 2019, ~~1:00 pm to 3:00~~ 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

- Discuss the ground squirrel decision document (60 min)
- Determine questions to ask Public Works staff (30 min)
- Regular business (20 min)
- Report from IPM Coordinator on what Animal Services is doing about feral cats and whom the committee should ask to a meeting from Public Works (10 min)