

**Parks Maintenance & IPM Work Group
Meeting Agenda
January 9, 2012 - 1:30 to 3:00 pm
City of Redwood City's Municipal Service Center – Conference Room
1400 Broadway, San Mateo**

1. **Introductions, Announcements, Changes to Agenda, Review of August Draft Meeting Summary - 5 min.** *Valerie Matois, City of Redwood City*

2. **Discuss Possible Topics and Speakers for Landscape IPM Workshop February 28th – 55 min.** *Everyone*
Objective: Obtain list of potential speakers to contact for Workshop.

3. **Share Information on Park Maintenance Type of Issues That Affect Water Quality - 20 min.** *Everyone*
OUTCOME: Obtain information.

4. **Discuss Possible Future Meeting Topics and Agree on Next Meeting Date and Topics - 10 min.** *Valerie Matois/ Everyone*
OUTCOME: Agree on future topics and next meeting in April or August.

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Parks Maintenance & IPM Work Group Meeting Summary
City of Redwood City's Municipal Service Center

Meeting Date: August 23, 2011

Work Group Action:

- Agreed to work with San Francisco Estuary Partnership to plan and hold an IPM training workshop during the first half of November. A work group consisting of Valerie Matonis, Jeremy Eide, and Dorte Dastrup will assist Athena Honore with planning the IPM training workshop.
- Agreed that the meeting summary from the May meeting was acceptable.
- EOA will distribute the section of the BASMAA annual report that addresses the MRP's Provision C.9.e Track and Participate in Relevant Regulatory Processes requirements.

Requested Technical Advisory Committee Action or Feedback/Guidance (if any): None.

Other Information/Announcements:

Adoption of Updated IPM Policy. The status of adopting the updated IPM policy was discussed. Redwood City and Brisbane are planning on adopting the updated IPM policy in September. One city reported that the updated IPM policy is being reviewed by the city attorney, and it is being questioned why the policy has to be adopted by the city council. Staff from another city reported that they have had an IPM policy since 1998, and they believe their existing policy meets the MRP's requirements.

Review May Meeting. Fred noted that following the May Parks Maintenance and IPM Work Group meeting it was determined that Janet O'Hara may have misspoken about glyphosate causing water quality problems. She meant to say glufosinate ammonium, which is used for weed control. An earlier version of the draft minutes were revised to make this correction. Athena Honore noted that Green Shield may still exist. It provides IPM certification for structural pest control, not landscaping. It does not operate locally.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership IPM Training. Athena Honore reported that the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is part of ABAG. U.S. EPA formed the National Estuaries Program about 20 years ago, and this program is housed at ABAG. SFEP's office is located at the Water Board, so emails show the Water Board's address. Athena has been running the Urban Pesticide Pollution Prevention (UP3) project for the last three years, and the project was initiated ten years ago. SFEP has funding for implementing the pesticide total maximum daily load. Part of this funding is to provide training on IPM and improving MRP Provision C.9 reporting. Athena is working with Elisa Wilfong from the Contra Costa Clean Water Program to plan and hold IPM training in Contra Costa County in October. Tanya Drlik and Bart Brandenburg from Ecowise Certified are also assisting with planning the IPM training. The agenda for the Contra Costa IPM training will include the following topics: hiring an IPM certified contractor; tracking the IPM contractor; and having an MRP reporting exercise.

The work group expressed interest in holding similar training in San Mateo County in place of the annual IPM training that has typically been held in February. Athena suggested that the training could possibly be held on November 2, 9, or 16 depending on speaker and room availability. The following ideas were expressed for planning the training:

- Have the training necessary to become Ecowise Certified similar to what Contra Costa County staff is planning to do. This is a four hour block of time, but it could be longer than four hours.
- Keep the training to about four hours in order to allow parks staff to get other work completed on the training date.
- The training should target different audiences by having separate sections that other audiences do not need to attend:
 - A section on specifications for hiring contractors and dealing with contracts only involves facilities maintenance staff and other maintenance supervisory staff, and this should be handled following the afternoon break.
 - A section on the basics of stormwater pollution prevention, corporation yard BMPs, and graffiti removal could be handled by a separate, section at the beginning of the workshop. Parks staff does graffiti removal. This section would be optional for experienced staff. For example, when one cleans off the mower or back pack sprayer, it should not be flushed down the storm drain. Certified applicators are more aware of only rain in the storm drain than gardeners. This section of the training should be held from 10:00 to 11:00 am.
- Obtaining continuing education units would be important to the workshop's attendees. Jeremy offered to provide basic training similar to previous workshops.
- Athena recommended that the training include information on structural IPM including:
 - The principles and practices of structural IPM;
 - Water quality requirements;
 - MRP requirements;
 - Monitoring structural IPM contractors;
 - Different types of IPM contractors;
 - Facilities maintenance and facilities managers; and
 - How landscape practices affect structural pests.
- The training will be held at the Mission Blue facility in Brisbane.
- **Green Purchasing Conference.** Athena announced that there will be a conference on green purchasing on November 2. There will be a session on IPM contracting.
- **Myoporum thrips.** Some locations in the county are conducive to Myoporum thrips. Some cities are removing Myoporum to avoid the problem. One city reported that they will not let anyone plant Myoporum, which is an invasive species.

Next Meeting Date: The next work group meeting will be tentatively held on January 24.

Draft Agenda
Structural IPM Workshop
San Mateo County—November 9, 2011, 11:00-2:30pm
Recreation Center's Mist Room, 650 Shell Blvd., Foster City

Time	Session	Target Audience	Speaker
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Registration and Pick Up Lunch (Provided)</i>		
11:00-11:05 11:05-11:10 11:10-11:45	Welcome Pesticides and water quality introduction Principles and Practices of Structural IPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal and county staff, including IPM coordinators, those who apply pesticides in structures (ants, rodents, etc.), and maintenance staff 	Athena Honore, UP3 Project Manager Luis Agurto Jr., Pestec IPM Services (EcoWise and Green Shield certified company)
11:45-11:50	<i>SHORT BREAK to stretch, Lunch provided</i>		
11:50-12:30	Clean Water Requirements for Pesticides and MRP Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides and storm water/creeks • MRP requirements • Q & A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City and county IPM coordinators and those who prepare the pesticide section of stormwater annual reports 	Fred Jarvis , EOA/San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program
12:30-12:40	<i>BREAK</i>		
12:40-1:40	Panel: Roads to Successful IPM Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of facilities manager in IPM • Monitoring your contractor/benefits of an IPM Program • Pest prevention BMPs in structures; employee education; how landscape practices affect structures • Success stories • Q & A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal and county staff who will hire and/or oversee structural IPM contractors • Municipal facilities managers 	Mike Wong, City of Palo Alto Julie Weiss, City of Palo Alto Luis Agurto Jr., Pestec IPM Services Richard Estrada, Atco Pest Control (EcoWise Certified company)
1:40 - 2:30	The Ins and Outs of Contracting for Structural IPM Pest Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPM Certification Programs—brief overview • How to add IPM language to an RFP/Contract—model language, process, forms, building walk-through, interview, EcoWise Contracting Toolkit • Intro to EcoWise IPM Process—this can be used as contract language, especially if the contractor is not IPM certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal and county staff who will hire and/or oversee structural IPM contractors • Municipal facilities managers • Purchasing agents 	Tanya Drlik, Contra Costa County IPM Coordinator Bart Brandenburg, IPM Consultant
2:30	<i>ADJOURN</i>		



**Structural IPM Training Workshop
November 9, 2011
San Francisco Estuary Partnership and
San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program**

SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP EVALUATIONS

Total Number of Evaluations: 31 (57% response)

Total Number of Attendees: 54*

**Number includes speakers/staff.*

What did you think of the following presentations?

Pesticides and Water Quality –

Athena Honore

16-Very helpful

15-Somewhat helpful

0-Not helpful

0-No answer

Principles and Practices of Structural IPM –

Luis Agurto Jr.

22-Very helpful

9-Somewhat helpful

0-Not helpful

0-No answer

Clean Water Requirements for Pesticides and MRP Reporting –

Fred Jarvis

16-Very helpful

13-Somewhat helpful

0-Not helpful

2-No answer

Panel: Roads to Successful IPM Programs –

Mike Wong, Julie Weiss, Luis Agurto, Jr., and Richard Estrada

22-Very helpful

9-Somewhat helpful

0-Not helpful

0-No answer

Ins and Outs of Contracting for Structural Pest Control –

Bart Brandenburg and Tanya Drlik

15-Very helpful

10-Somewhat helpful

2-Not helpful

4-No answer

Did this workshop meet your expectations?

Yes: 25

No: 1

No Answer: 5

Suggestions for future workshop topics

Present to private pest controllers.

More information about costs of using IPM.

Video of actual IPM customers and areas before and after treatment.

Practical examples of alternative weed abatement (landscape).

Gopher control.

Provide hands on class.

Samples of or pictures of pests

IPM around schools/playgrounds, yellow jackets on trails/picnic areas, managing invasives in grasslands.

Information on how recycled water affects water quality and surrounding areas.

General Comments

Very good information.

Really educational and informative.

Enjoyed and learned a lot.

Very helpful workshop.

Excellent speakers and program.

Exceeded my expectations.

This workshop was most valuable – we all need our building maintenance staff to be up to speed.

Thanks (3).

Need larger facility (3).

Need microphone (2).

Look forward to IPM workshop for landscape.

Obtain CEUs from Department of Pesticides Regulation for these trainings.

Like this length of workshop.

Information could be coupled with county ag's IPM licensee requirements/information.

Include speakers' information as a handout.

Add an additional break if lunchtime occurs during presentations.

Room too warm at times.

Food and coffee good.

Stick to schedule.



AGENDA
Integrated Pest Management Workshop
SMCWPPP Parks Maintenance and IPM
Mission Blue Center
February 24, 2011
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch <i>Registration</i>	11:00 – 11:30
Welcoming Remarks	11:30 – 11:35
Gopher Control Steven Hebert, <i>Swat Pest Control</i>	11:35 – 12:15
Recycled Water Management Courtney Rubin, <i>City of Redwood City</i>	12:15 – 12:45
GreenPro Certification Bill Gaither, <i>Pest Control Operators of California</i>	12:45 – 1:30
Break	1:30 – 1:40
Invasive Weed Detection and Control John Beall, <i>San Mateo County Agricultural Weights and Measures</i>	1:40 – 2:10
Respirator Regulatory Refresher and Online Pesticide Use Reporting Jeremy Eide, <i>San Mateo County Agricultural Weights and Measures</i>	2:10 – 2:55
Closing Remarks	2:55 – 3:00



**2011 Integrated Pest Management Workshop
February 24, 2011**

SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP EVALUATIONS

Total Number of Evaluations: 34 (43% response)

Total Number of Attendees: 80*

**Number includes 72 attendees and 8 speakers and staff.*

What did you think of the following presentations?

Gopher Control –

Steven Hebert

28-Very helpful	6-Somewhat helpful	0-Not helpful	0-No answer
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Comments:

Excellent!

Recycled Water Management –

Courtney Rubin

14-Very helpful	17-Somewhat helpful	3-Not helpful	0-No answer
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GreenPro Certification –

Billy Gaither

4-Very helpful	19-Somewhat helpful	10-Not helpful	1-No answer
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Invasive Weed Detection and Control –

John Beall

20-Very helpful	14-Somewhat helpful	0-Not helpful	0-No answer
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Respirator Regulatory Refresher and Online Pesticide Use Reporting –

Jeremy Eide

24-Very helpful	5-Somewhat helpful	2-Not helpful	3-No answer
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Did this workshop meet your expectations?

Yes: 27

No: 1

Somewhat: 1

No Answer: 5

Suggestions for future workshop topics

Situation of the Bay (good, bad, etc.)

Surprise us. Just keep Gopher Control – Steven Hebert on the next agenda!!!

Project leaders for state Clapper Rail survey. Alien Cordgrass eradication projects.

Not many use respirators anymore; more lawn, weed, rodent control issues.

IPM – how to save/reduce water use, drought tolerant plants, rocks, chips, etc. IPM –ways to reduce pesticide use, any new methods, etc.

Master composting, Green Gardener Arborist/Trees and water, benefits of mulching, review of Best Management Practices.

Water use regulations (irrigation).

SPECIFICS – worst weeds, most comment weeds AND how/when to treat them; successes/failures; SM Co. policies; how to control weeds among sensitive species \implies Jeremy covered it!

General Comments

Thanks (2)

Past programs have been stronger.

You always do a great job. I always enjoy coming to this. Keep up the good work, and thanks for your time.

Helpful topics. Breaks between speakers. Better ventilation in building.

Need better sound system.

Good

Good workshop. Was here in '10 hope to be back in '12.

More lighting on guest speakers. Too dark in the room. Great workshop. Great food and drinks!

Good info.

Don't bring Bill Gaither back, he basically read his slides to us.

Speakers should have their own presentation prepared and not just read someone else's powerpoint word for word!