

**Parks Maintenance & IPM Work Group  
 Meeting Agenda  
 August 25, 2009 - 1:30 to 3:00 pm  
 City of San Mateo City Hall – Room B  
 330 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Mateo**

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| 1. | <b>Introductions, Announcements, Changes to Agenda, Review of April Draft Meeting Summary - 5 min.</b>  | <i>Vern Bessey</i>                     |
| 2. | <b>Information about the Green Gardener Program and Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network's Interest in Extending It to San Mateo County - 20 min.</b><br><i>Objective: Obtain information and agree on how to proceed.</i>          | <i>Vishakha Atre,<br/>SCVURPPP/EOA</i> |
| 3. | <b>Review of June Municipal Maintenance Training Workshop – 10 min.</b><br><i>Objective: Obtain information about items of interest to parks personnel.</i>   | <i>Fred Jarvis/<br/>Everyone</i>       |
| 4. | <b>Update on July TAC Meeting and Draft MRP – 10 min.</b><br><i>Objective: Obtain information and identify issues, such as the clean up of trash hotspots, which may affect parks.</i>  | <i>Matt Fabry/<br/>Everyone</i>        |
| 5. | <b>Limits on City's Ability to Control Pesticide Usage in Parks Where Homeowners Association is Responsible for Maintenance -10 min.</b><br><i>Objective: Obtain information about Brisbane's interest in making parks greener.</i> | <i>Matt</i>                            |
| 6. | <b>Status of Completion of DWR's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance – 5 min.</b><br><i>Objective: Obtain update.</i>   | <i>Fred</i>                            |
| 7. | <b>Share Information on Park Maintenance Type of Issues That Affect Water Quality - 20 min.</b><br><i>OUTCOME: Obtain information.</i>  | <i>Everyone</i>                        |
| 8. | <b>Discuss Possible Future Meeting Topics and Agree on Next Meeting Date and Topics - 10 min.</b><br><i>OUTCOME: Agree on future topics and whether to meet next on October 27.</i>   | <i>Vern/<br/>Everyone</i>              |

**DRAFT**  
**Parks Maintenance & IPM Work Group Meeting Summary**  
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**Meeting Date:** April 28, 2009

**Subcommittee Action:** Agreed to explore the possibility of extending the Green Gardener Program into San Mateo County.

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

**Other Information/Announcements:**

- **Update on the Draft Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit's (MRP) Provision C.9 Pesticides Toxicity Control.** A copy of this permit provision was included in the agenda packet, and each of its subsections were reviewed. The National Marine Fisheries Service's comment letter on the MRP states that the pesticide carbaryl is likely to be found in urban settings at concentrations that cause sublethal effects on steelhead and salmon. The Countywide Program's comment letter requested modifications to some of the proposed requirements.
- **Update on April TAC Meeting.** The Countywide Program is trying to develop talking points for speakers at the May 13 public hearing on the MRP. The Countywide Program is working with the TAC members, who will be passing information on to elected officials. While there have been significant improvements to the MRP, the MRP still poses a significant challenge to the municipalities and Countywide Program. The Countywide Program may need to redirect the vehicle registration fees to meeting the MRP's requirements. The TAC meeting was also used to discuss the low impact development grant application that would propose a more expansive project for a green street in Menlo Park. The consultant who developed the *San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook* is working on a conceptual design for the project. The TAC also heard an update on the Commission on State Mandates consideration of the Los Angeles application for reimbursement from the state for unfunded state mandates imposed by the state.
- **Review of February Training Workshop.** People who attended the training thought it was great. The gopher guy is very knowledgeable about using live traps. Everyone agreed with the attendees comments that the next workshop should address landscape water conservation and compliance with AB 2717. A suggested speaker would be Jim Bornamer (sp?). The room used for training was okay.
- **Completion of San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook and Upcoming Training.** The guidebook has been very popular with more than 800 downloads since its completion in January. U.S. EPA staff said that the guidebook was very timely. Training on the guidebook will be held on May 28 at the Mission Blue facility in Brisbane.
- **Green Gardener Program.** The SCVURPPP has partnered with the Metropolitan Adult Education Program to sponsor a green gardener program to train landscape maintenance staff from small companies with two or three workers on environmental friendly practices. The training consists of ten, two-hour sessions with assistance from Master Gardeners. The Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network is interested in funding the extension of this program to San Mateo County, which is within the area covered by the network. U.C. Extension in Half Moon Bay is initiating a Master's Gardening Program in San Mateo County by partnering with the San Francisco Master Gardeners Program. It would be worthwhile to have someone from SCVURPPP discuss the green gardener program at a future meeting.

**Subcommittee Work That Affects Other Subcommittees:** The PIP Subcommittee should be involved with exploring the possibility of extending the green gardener program to San Mateo County.



**Next Steps:** Talk with PIP staff about the green gardener program.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will probably be held in August.