



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Parks Division
Integrated Pest Management
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 16, 2013
Parks Breakroom
402 E. Ortega St.
9:00 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman

Staff:

Present: Santos Escobar, George Thomson, Kathy Frye, Simon Herrera, Ken Brown, Mike Carricaburu, Joe Gonzales, Terri Yamada

Others:

Dale Shreve, Lenz Pest Control

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Simon Herrera, Golf Course Supervisor, was introduced.

Mike Carricaburu, Airport Sr. GMW, reported that there are a lot of gophers at the Airport, no rain to flood them out.

Mr. Escobar announced the following opportunities for volunteer workdays:

- September 28, 2013 – United Way Day of Caring at Bohnett and Shoreline Parks, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- October 12, 2013 – Looking Good Santa Barbara workday at Ortega Park and Micheltorena St. overpass.

Mr. Escobar asked Committee members for suggestions of individuals to fill the 2 vacant positions on the Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013. The motion passed (3/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Public Works Exemption Requests

- Streets Division:

A. Request for Programmatic Exemption for Glyphosate on medians

B. Request for Programmatic Exemption for Surflan on medians

Mr. Escobar presented on behalf of the Streets Division. He informed the Committee that when the PHAER Zone was first established, a representative from Public Works made the decision to have medians maintained by Public Works as Green. Parks and Recreation maintained medians are Yellow based on low exposure potential. Streets staff is now asking for exemption requests to use Glyphosate and Surflan on medians. Mr. Escobar explained that Streets staff would be trained before any spraying would take place. Additionally, the Streets Division is required to have a staff person with a valid California Department of Pesticide Regulation pest control applicator license, or have a licensed pest control company perform the work. Streets staff will provide monthly reports to the County Agricultural Office, as well as have a log for the public to view if requested. Mr. Chittick said that he was fine with spraying the medians but had a concern about bike paths. A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/Saltzman) to approve the request for the use of Glyphosate and Surflan on medians but not bike paths. The motion passed (3/0).

- Facilities Division (for City-owned structures):

C. Programmatic Exemption request for Fipronil (Termidor) on ants and termites

D. Programmatic Exemption request for Disodium Octaborate (Timbor) on termites

E. Programmatic Exemption request for Indoxacarb (Advion) on ants and roaches

F. Programmatic Exemption request for Indoxacarb (Arilon) on ants

Dale Shreve from Lenz Pest Control was presented and explained the process used: Ants take Termidor back to the colony; Timbor is spot applied for termites; Advion is gel-injected for ants and roaches, and is considered the safest, most effective product on the market; Arilon is a new product, the spray collects on the ants. This process is from the Materials Selection Criteria worksheet.

A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the request for programmatic exemption requests C, D, E and F. The motion passed (3/0).

3. Parks and Recreation Exemption Requests

- Creeks Division

A. Programmatic exemption request for Glyphosate (Rodeo or Aquamaster) on Arundo donax at Hidden Valley Open Space

George Thomson, Creeks Project Planner was present and explained that the invasive species Arundo donax would be cut and the stem brushed with the Glyphosate (probably 7-8 times).

A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Chittick) to approve the programmatic request for Glyphosate on Arundo donax at Hidden Valley Open Space. The motion passed (3/0).

B. Programmatic exemption request for Imazapyr (Polaris) on Arundo donax at Hidden Valley Open Space

Mr. Thomson reported that he has been working the David Chang of the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office on a joint project using a new product Imazapyr. The product has been found to be more effective, only needing 2-3 times to retreat, so less product is used. The Materials Selection Criteria worksheet was filled out to add this material to the Approved Materials List. A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/Saltzman) to 1) approve use of the new product Imazapyr on Arundo donax at Hidden Valley Open Space; and 2) add Imazapyr to the Approved Materials List. The motion passed (3/0).

- Golf Division

C. Programmatic exemption request for use of the following material use at the Golf Course: Heritage, Trimmit, Primo Maxx, Acelepryn, Medallion, Daconil, Affirm, Banner-Maxx, Prostar and Proxy.

Nine of the materials are continuing and one is a new material. A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the ten exemption requests. The motion passed (3/0).

- Parks Division

D. Programmatic exemption request for Glyphosate at Parma Park

Kathy Frye discussed use of Glyphosate on exotic annual weeds and grasses which are invading and degrading the 100 year-old olive orchard in Parma Park.

The cut and paint stump method would be used. A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the exemption request. The motion passed (3/0).

E. Programmatic exemption request for Diphacinone at Shoreline, Leadbetter, Chase Palm and MacKenzie Parks.

Mr. Escobar stated that the Parks Division has not applied Diphacinone since 2008. Because of that the squirrel populations has become increasing difficult to control. Mr. Chittick asked how it would be applied on the slope at MacKenzie Park. Mr. Escobar answered that the area would be fenced, and the product placed in boxes, using the tube system. A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the programmatic request for use of Diphacinone at Shoreline, Leadbetter, Chase Palm and MacKenzie Parks. The motion passed (3/0).

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.