



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

**Parks Division
Integrated Pest Management
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Parks Conference Room
402 E. Ortega St.
9:00 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman

Staff Present: Matthew Parker, Ken Brown, Jeff McKee, Cenen Aparicio, Erin Markey, Tom Dietz, Terri Yamada

Also Present: Nichol Clark, Commission Liaison, Dale Shreve, Lenz Pest Control

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded (Saltzman/LaBonte) to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. The motion passed (3/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and Approve the 2018 IPM Annual Report – For Action

Committee reviewed the Draft 201-87 IPM Annual Report. Kristen requested a comment be added regarding the decrease in use of Red materials. Greg requested a statement be added to the report that it has been the practice of the IPM Advisory

Committee to make adjustments to the Approved Materials List in the Annual IPM Report, amending the version in the IPM Strategy and PHAER Zone.

A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/LaBonte) to approve the 2018 IPM Annual Report with suggested changes. The motion passed unanimously (3/0).

Greg will draft the memo to the Airport Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council.

2. Request for Renewal of Programmatic Exemption for use of Rodeo or AquaMaster at Arroyo Burro Watershed and Mission Creek – For Action

The Committee received a presentation from Erin Markey, Creeks Associate Planner on the history the removal of *Arundo donax*, an invasive, exotic plant that causes negative impacts on creek habitat and can pose increased fire and flooding risks to public safety. Ms. Markey explained that chemicals would not be sprayed, but applied using the “cut-stump-paint” method.

A motion was made and seconded (Saltzman/LaBonte) to approve the request for the renewal of the Programmatic Exemption for use of Rodeo or AquaMaster at Arroyo Burro Watershed and Mission Creek for 2019-2021. The motion passed (3/0).

3. Presentation from Dale Shreve, Lenz Pest Control on Bird Repellent – For Information

Dale shared an example of IPM across the street in the Streets yard where netting was placed under the parking bays to keep birds from nesting there. Additionally, he discussed a product called “Flock Free” as an alternative pest control for birds. Flock Free is a 22B EPA exempt product, which mixes a repellent (pepper, rosemary, extract from skin of grapes), with a UV dye that only birds can see. After exposure to the mixture, the birds are repelled by the taste and the odor. Application period is once a week for six weeks, then once a month. The mixture can be applied through misting or through use of a backpack sprayer.

4. Integrate “Bee City” Component into the IPM Strategy/PHAER Zone Model – For Action

Committee discussed the City’s designation as a BEE CITY USA affiliate (the 67th BEE CITY USA affiliate in the nation), and the various requirements necessary to keep the certification. The IPM Advisory Committee is the committee designated as the official “BEE CITY USA” Committee for the City of Santa Barbara.

A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/LaBonte) to incorporate Bee City goals into the IPM Annual Report. The motion passed (3/0).

5. Discussion of Glyphosate Use – For Information and Discussion

Ken Brown presented the Committee with a chart showing 15 years of historical information of Glyphosate use by the Parks Division. He noted that given the recent developments in the news, as well as the numerous complaints the Department has received, it is likely the Parks Division will have to consider a number of things:

- Re-look at use of Yellow materials
- Use of contractors for weeding
- Tolerance of weeds
- Continued experiments with exempt materials
- Experiment with pre-emergent herbicides

Larry added the importance of educating the public on weeds, including beneficial weeds.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Review Approved Materials List – For Action

Committee reviewed the Materials List. A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/Saltzman) to approve the materials list with the addition of Natular (spinosad) to the Green list in the 2018 IPM Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously (3/0).

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.