# 2024 Update



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# **IPM Policy**

"To protect public health, County resources and the environment it will be the policy of Contra Costa County to manage pests within county pest management programs in and on County-maintained properties and facilities, using IPM principles and techniques."

#### **IPM Advisory Committee Purpose**

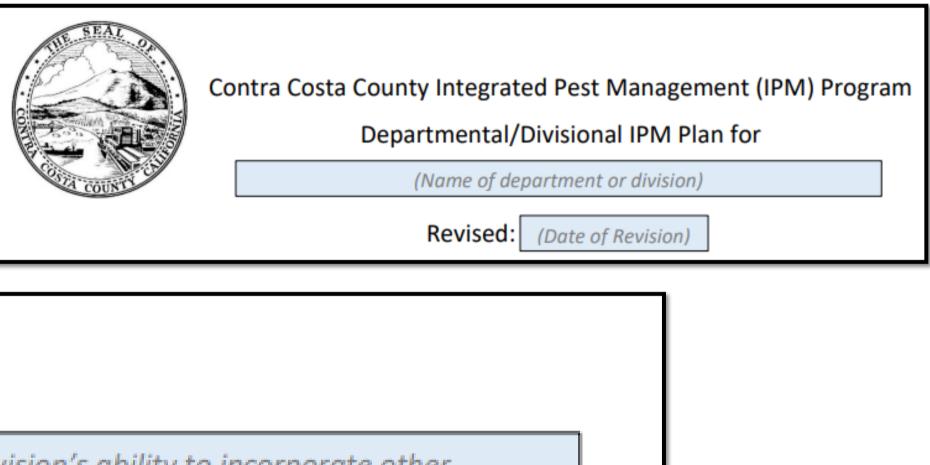
"<u>Minimize risks</u> and <u>maximize benefits</u> to the general public, staff and the environment as a result of pest control activities conducted by County staff and contractors."



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#### Departmental/Divisional IPM Plan Template



Section 4: Long-Term Planning

Environmental Stewardship:

Guidance: Provide a statement that addresses the department/division's ability to incorporate other potential co-benefits of ecosystem-based pest prevention activities. These may include elements such as wildlife habitat preservation, carbon sequestration, wildfire resilience, and others.

#### Innovation:

Guidance: Record priorities for potential pest management pilot projects and research endeavors. List upcoming capital projects or other initiatives that may be able to incorporate proactive principles of integrated pest management.



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### Accomplishments

The IPMAC finalized the new structure and elected members to the two new seats.

The IPMAC Decision Making Subcommittee finalized the addendum to the Decision Making Document and presented to the TWIC on 12/9.

Obtained Board approval for changes to the bylaws and county IPM policy in February 2024.



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#### **Recruitment Efforts**

July 31, 2024 IPM Coordinator Position Vacated.

September 2024

Recruitment Process Started.

#### February 1, 2025 IPM Coordinator Starts.





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### 2025 Goals

1. Assist the IPM Coordinator to develop and implement an IPM training program for County staff and contracted service providers.

2. Identify new subcommittees and support existing subcommittees in establishing set schedules and work goals/products.

3. IPMAC will also continue to explore innovative ways to close vegetation management service gaps that maximize benefits to the general public, staff and the environment.

4. Continue to provide education to the IPMAC through presentations from subject matter experts

5. Continue to have presentations from applicable divisions on their IPM Plans.

6. Continue to work to evolve the IPM coordinator position to align with discussion from July 2024 meeting.



## Next Steps?