



ADVISORY BODY ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Name: Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee (IPMAC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 3rd Thursday of January, March, September, and November

Chair (during the reporting period): Susanna Thompson

Staff Person (during the reporting period): Wade Finlinson

Reporting Period: January through November, 2025

I. Activities

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Describe the activities for the past year including areas of study, work, special events, collaborations, etc.

The full Committee met 4 times and held seven subcommittee meetings in 2025.

-IPMAC Subcommittees included the standing Decision-Making Subcommittee, the ad hoc IPM Training Subcommittee, and the ad hoc Nature-Based Climate Solutions Subcommittee.

-The Committee received presentations on pesticides measured in indoor dust from child care centers in Northern California, the proposed updates to the County's Tree Protection Ordinance, and the efforts to create an urban forest management plan.

II. Accomplishments

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Describe the accomplishments for the past year, particularly in reference to your work plan and objectives.

-In support of the IPM Policy goal of promoting availability, public awareness, and public input into written County IPM records, the Committee approved decision documentation regarding the management of ground squirrels. State legislation that went into effect in January limits the use of rodenticides. The IPM Decision-Making Subcommittee held four meetings to revise the document to acknowledge and respond to the challenges posed by these operational impacts. The full Committee approved the document in September and will present recommendations to TWIC in the coming months.

-The IPM Training Subcommittee reviewed current training programs in applicable County departments and divisions and helped prioritize areas for improvement. The IPM Coordinator will work with staff from Agriculture/Weights & Measures to implement these suggestions into a resource document that clarifies training standards consistent with regulations and County policy for applicable personnel.

-The Nature-Based Solutions Subcommittee initiated a review of various County-owned properties and discussed potential nature-based climate co-benefits that overlap with IPM practices. This ongoing effort is in line with the IPM Policy goal to "minimize risks and maximize benefits to the general public, staff, and the environment as a result of pest control activities conducted by County staff and contractors."

III. Attendance/Representation

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Describe your membership in terms of seat vacancies, diversity, level of participation, and frequency of achieving a quorum at meetings.

All seats were occupied for the majority of the reporting period. Public members currently live in each of the five Board of Supervisor districts. A brief vacancy occurred when the term expired for the previous representative of the Sustainability Commission in March, but a new representative was appointed by the Board of Supervisors in May. The Board also appointed a new member to the Public Works Director Designee seat in October.

No agenda meetings were canceled or delayed due to not having a quorum. There were no concerns raised regarding attendance during the reporting period.

IV. Training/Certification

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Describe any training that was provided or conducted, and any certifications received, either as a requirement or done on an elective basis by members. NOTE: Please forward copies of any training certifications to the Clerk of the Board.

All public and ex officio members of the Committee are current on Brown Act, Better Government Ordinance, and Ethics training. The IPM Coordinator will follow up with Committee members to ensure ongoing compliance with revised requirements adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 10, 2025.

V. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

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Describe the advisory body's workplan, including specific objectives to be achieved in the upcoming year.

In 2026, IPMAC will prioritize the following activities in support of the goals and objectives of the IPM Policy:

1. Hold a planning session during the January meeting to review the IPM Program and identify potential strategies to strengthen the implementation of the IPM Policy.
2. Continue the work of the Decision-Making and Nature-Based Solutions Subcommittees.
3. Receive an update and provide feedback on the efforts of the IPM Coordinator and representatives of the Agriculture Commissioner to establish IPM training standards.