

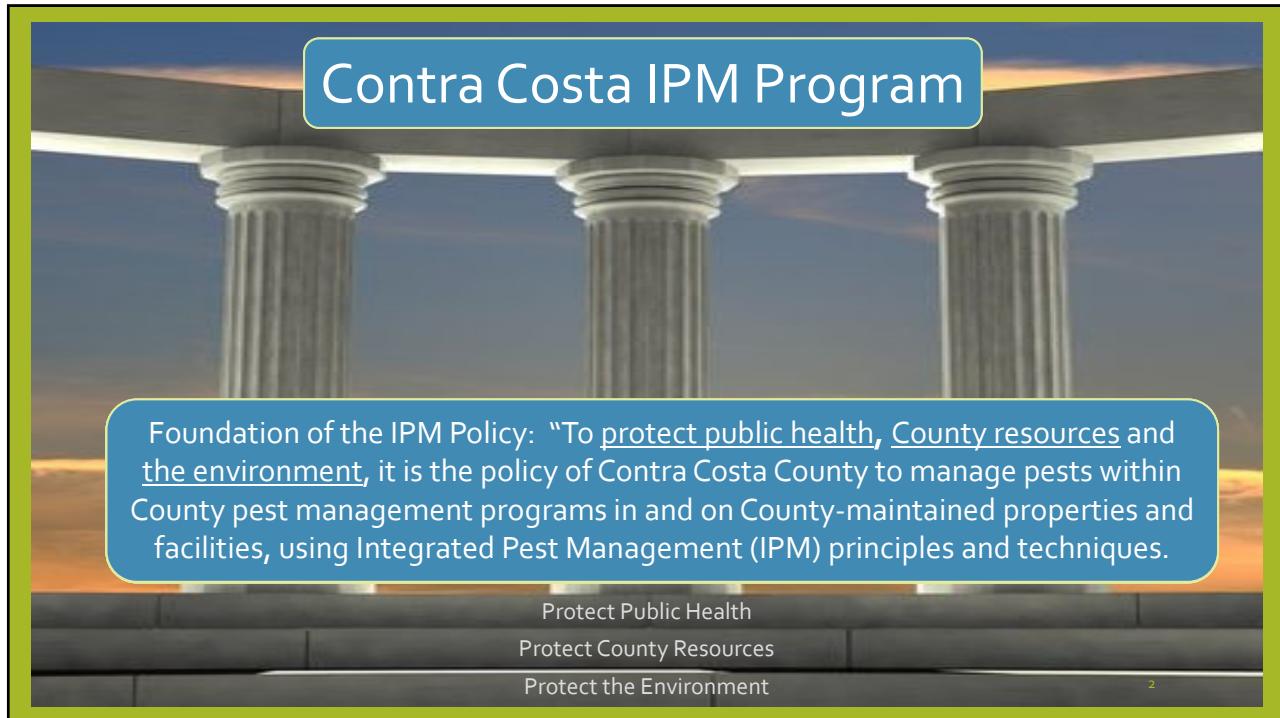
**Contra Costa County  
Integrated Pest Management  
Advisory Committee:**  
Comparison of similar advisory bodies in the  
region and other considerations

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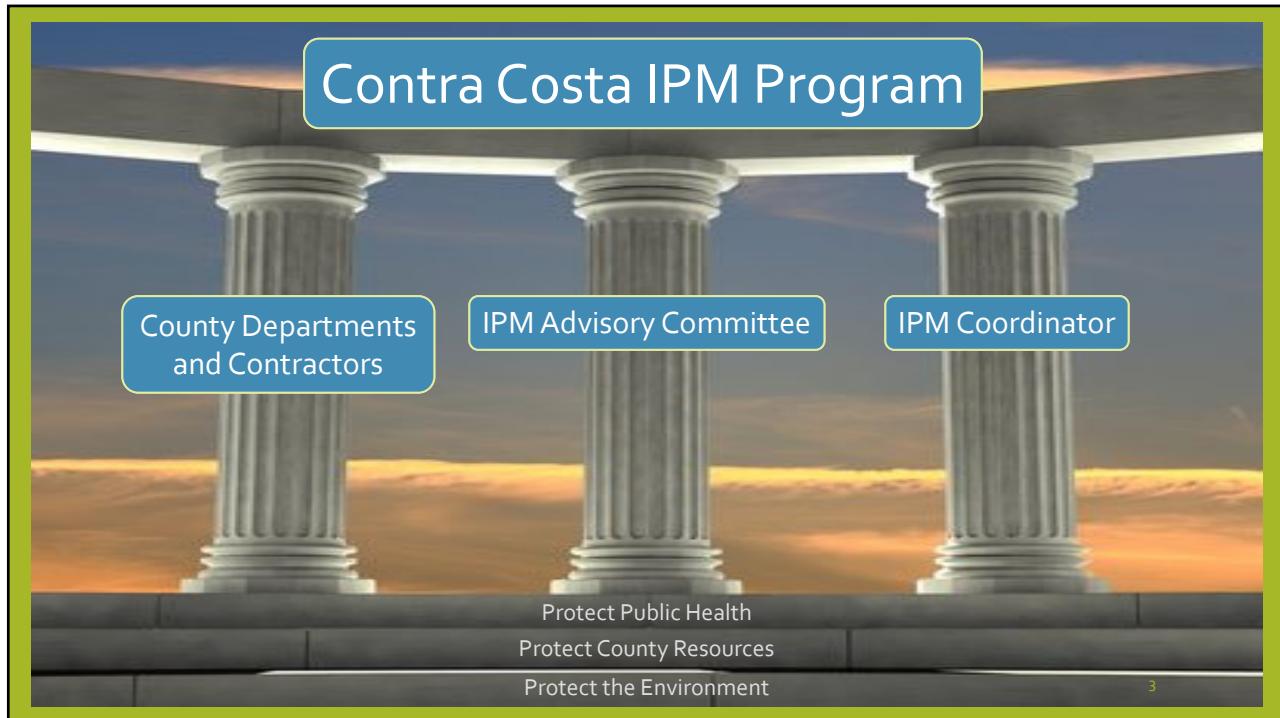
**Contra Costa IPM Program**

Foundation of the IPM Policy: "To protect public health, County resources and the environment, it is the policy of Contra Costa County to manage pests within County pest management programs in and on County-maintained properties and facilities, using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and techniques."

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## Contra Costa IPM Program

County Departments  
and Contractors

**Requirements:**

- Routinely use IPM to manage pest problems.
- Develop departmental/divisional IPM plans.
- Designate department IPM Coordinators to implement IPM plans.
- Solicit input from IPMAC on IPM plans and decision documents.
- Require contracts to incorporate IPM policies and practices
- Allow County IPM Coordinator to review all applicable contracts and purchase orders.
- Report annually on pest control activities; provide report to County IPM Coordinator by September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- Provide annual IPM training to employees.
- Limit pesticide use on County properties to least amount necessary to achieve stated goals.
- Follow Pesticide Use Posting and Notification Policy.

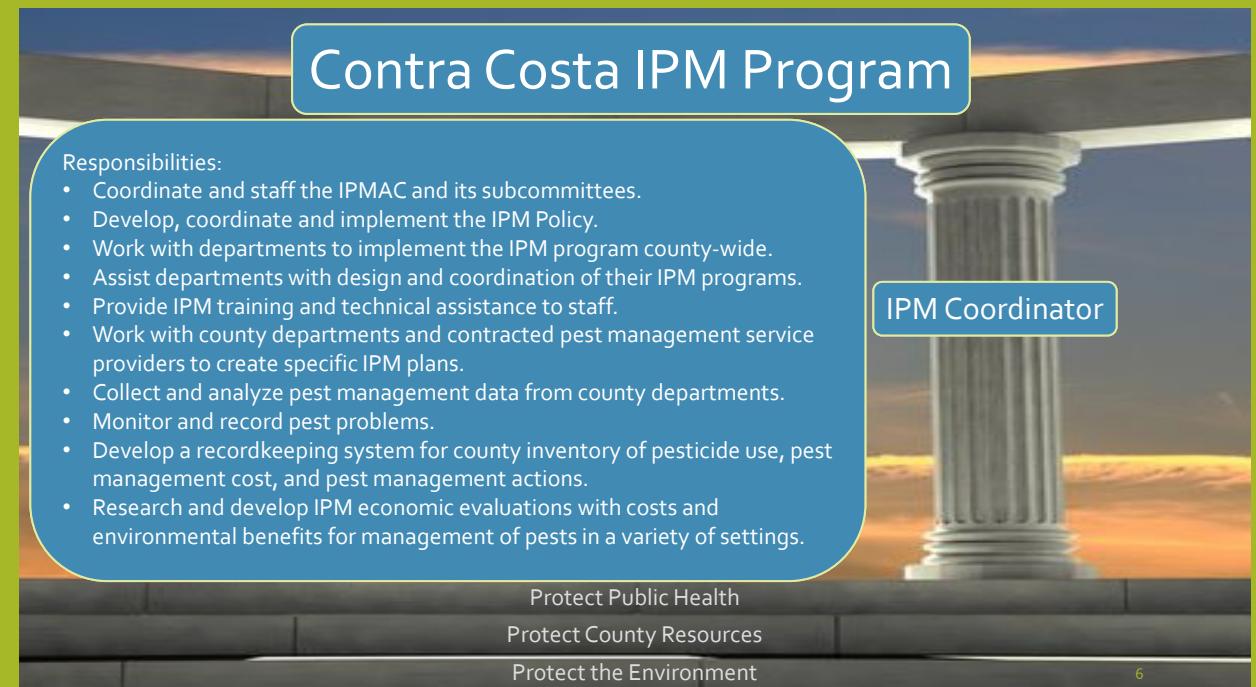
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## Contra Costa IPM Program

IPM Coordinator

**Responsibilities:**

- Coordinate and staff the IPMAC and its subcommittees.
- Develop, coordinate and implement the IPM Policy.
- Work with departments to implement the IPM program county-wide.
- Assist departments with design and coordination of their IPM programs.
- Provide IPM training and technical assistance to staff.
- Work with county departments and contracted pest management service providers to create specific IPM plans.
- Collect and analyze pest management data from county departments.
- Monitor and record pest problems.
- Develop a recordkeeping system for county inventory of pesticide use, pest management cost, and pest management actions.
- Research and develop IPM economic evaluations with costs and environmental benefits for management of pests in a variety of settings.

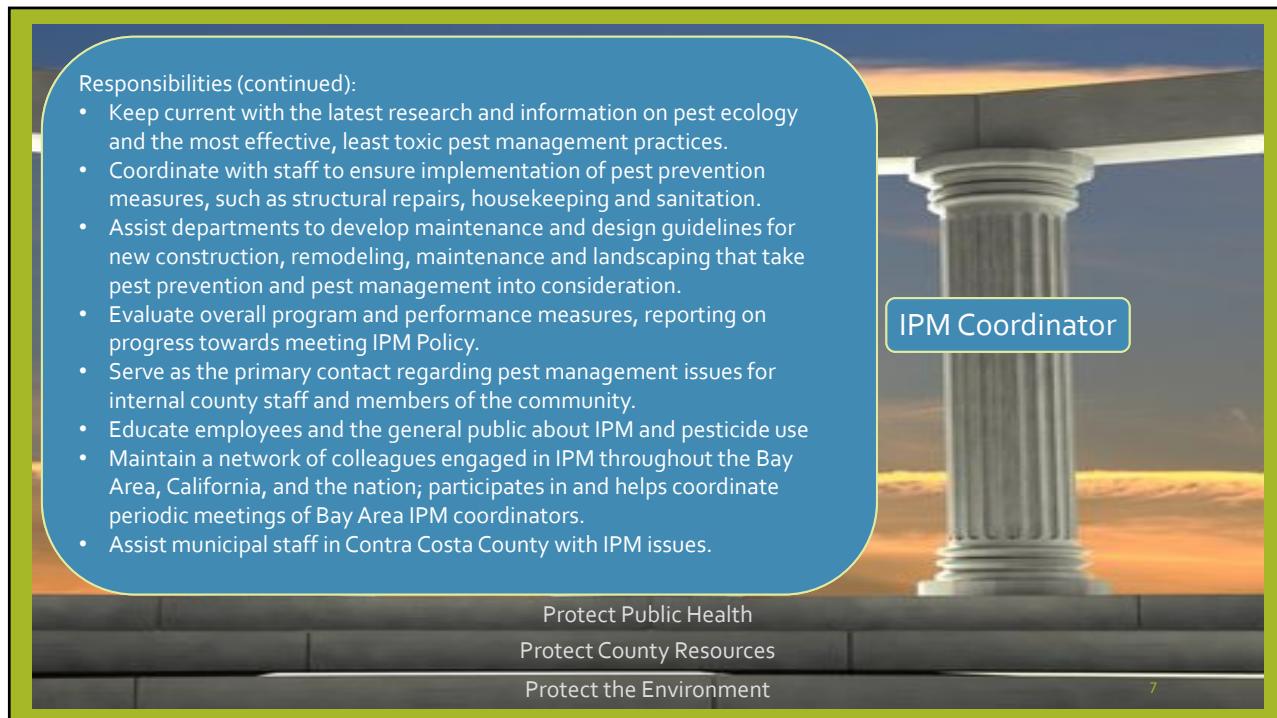
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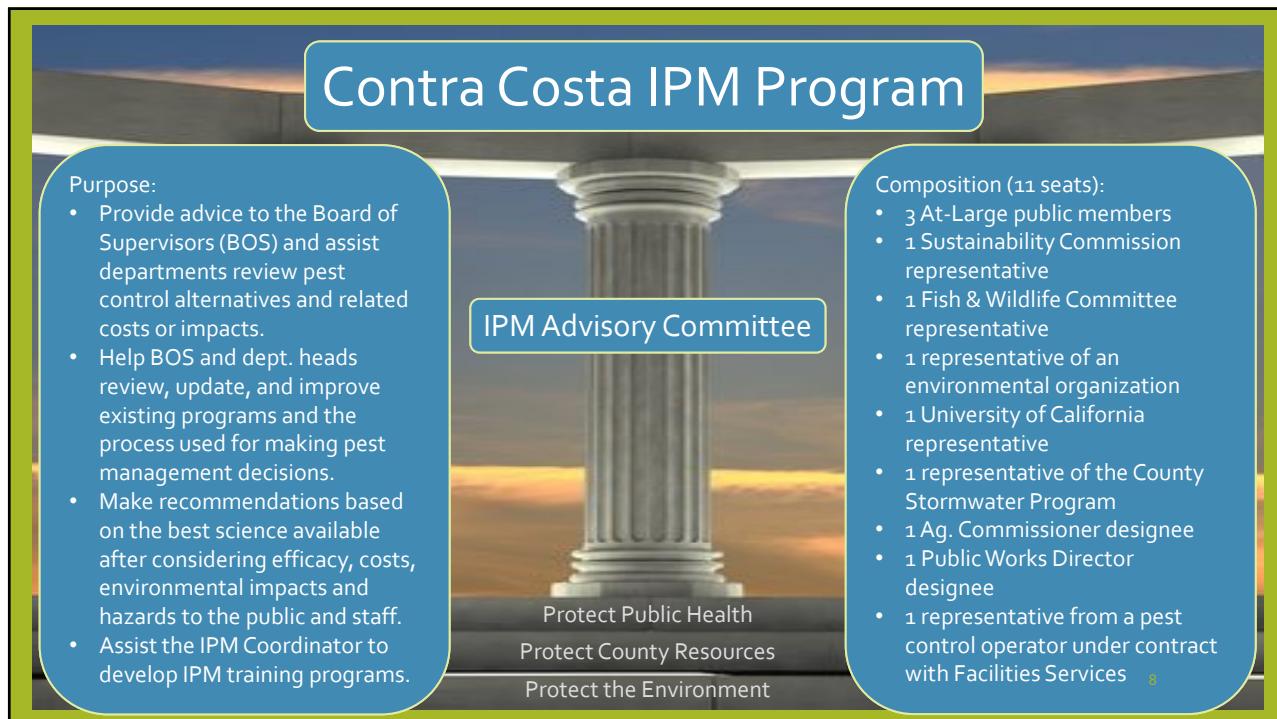


**Responsibilities (continued):**

- Keep current with the latest research and information on pest ecology and the most effective, least toxic pest management practices.
- Coordinate with staff to ensure implementation of pest prevention measures, such as structural repairs, housekeeping and sanitation.
- Assist departments to develop maintenance and design guidelines for new construction, remodeling, maintenance and landscaping that take pest prevention and pest management into consideration.
- Evaluate overall program and performance measures, reporting on progress towards meeting IPM Policy.
- Serve as the primary contact regarding pest management issues for internal county staff and members of the community.
- Educate employees and the general public about IPM and pesticide use
- Maintain a network of colleagues engaged in IPM throughout the Bay Area, California, and the nation; participates in and helps coordinate periodic meetings of Bay Area IPM coordinators.
- Assist municipal staff in Contra Costa County with IPM issues.

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## Contra Costa IPM Program

**Purpose:**

- Provide advice to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and assist departments review pest control alternatives and related costs or impacts.
- Help BOS and dept. heads review, update, and improve existing programs and the process used for making pest management decisions.
- Make recommendations based on the best science available after considering efficacy, costs, environmental impacts and hazards to the public and staff.
- Assist the IPM Coordinator to develop IPM training programs.

**Composition (11 seats):**

- 3 At-Large public members
- 1 Sustainability Commission representative
- 1 Fish & Wildlife Committee representative
- 1 representative of an environmental organization
- 1 University of California representative
- 1 representative of the County Stormwater Program
- 1 Ag. Commissioner designee
- 1 Public Works Director designee
- 1 representative from a pest control operator under contract with Facilities Services

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## Similar IPM Groups in the Region



Contra Costa IPM Advisory Committee

Alameda County IPM Committee

Santa Clara County IPM Technical Advisory Group

San Francisco IPM Technical Advisory Committee

Marin County IPM Commission

\*No known equivalent, county-level bodies in these or other California jurisdictions.

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### Alameda County IPM Committee

Composition (10 seats):

- 2 Public members (vacant since 2021)
- Director or designee from:
  - Agriculture/Weights & Measures Department
  - Flood Control District
  - Public Works Agency
  - General Services Agency
  - Public Health Department
  - Environmental Health Dept.
  - Vector Control
  - Fire Department

Meets quarterly; no subcommittees; all meetings are in-person only

Considered to be a Brown Act body



Cattle grazing County property near Dublin, Alameda County

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Santa Clara County IPM Technical Advisory Group




**Office of Sustainability**

**Integrated Pest Management Program**

Composition (11 seats):

- 2 members of Pesticide Alternatives of Santa Clara County
- Santa Clara County Water District
- County Agriculture Commissioner
- Pollution Prevention Committee
- County labor organizations
- Representative from:
  - Roads & Airports
  - Parks & Recreation
  - Facilities & Fleet
  - Valley Health and Hospitals
  - Occupational Safety and Environmental Compliance

4 meetings per year; no subcommittees

Not considered to be a Brown Act body

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City and County of San Francisco IPM Technical Advisory Committee

Composition:

- Membership not formally detailed; typical participants include:
  - IPM Coordinators from:
    - Airports
    - Public Health
    - Public Works
    - Parks & Recreation
    - Public Utilities Comm.
  - Contractors
  - IPM specialists from other agencies
  - Other interested parties

10 meetings per year; 9 of 10 in 2025 were online only

Not considered to be a Brown Act body



**San Francisco Reduced-Risk Pesticide List**  
for City-Owned Properties  
Approved September 22, 2025

**How to Use this List**

The Reduced Risk Pesticide List (RRPL) includes pesticide products approved for use on San Francisco City properties under the SF Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Ordinance (Chapter 3, SF Environment Code).

**This list is only one component of San Francisco's IPM program.** Pesticides should be the last resort, when all other tactics have failed. The RRPL represents the outer boundaries of acceptable IPM tactics in SF.

**This list is San Francisco-specific, and not recommended for other local agencies.** The RRPL is created through a collaborative problem-solving process to accommodate the wide variety of highly specialized situations in San Francisco's unique climate. Other agencies are advised to develop their own lists based on their local needs.

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Screenshot of first page of SF Reduced-Risk Pesticide List [12](#)

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**LABOR HOURS YEAR-OVER-YEAR**

YEAR	STAFF IPM	VOLUNTEER IPM	CONTRACTOR IPM	TOTAL HOURS
2025	16,404.75	10,785	11,704	38,894
2024	22,323	8,790	10,493	41,606
2023	17,367	8,558	10,450	36,375
2022	14,738	9,293	9,534	33,565
2021	18,541	9,333	11,376	39,250
2020	22,259	11,889	11,891	46,039

From 2025 IPM Annual Report



**Marin County IPM Commission**

Composition (9 seats):

- 6 Public members
  - 1 at-large and 1 from each of the 5 BOS districts
- University of California representative
- Representative of the public health community
- Licensed applicator or advisor supportive of least toxic practices

Meets quarterly; limited subcommittees; all meetings are in-person only

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## Contra Costa IPMAC

**Strengths:**

- Decision documents
- Qualifications of members
- Development of IPM tools
- Consistency: members have routinely attended meetings and have been engaged.
- Accessibility

**Concerns:**

- Limited public participation
- Limited staff engagement
- Recommendations seldom progress to implementation.
- Impact vs. investment
- Member recruitment
- Logistics of hybrid meeting coordination and agenda posting requirements.

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## What's next?

The IPM Coordinator would like to explore the feasibility of transitioning IPMAC to a less-formal, but more impactful role. Committee members are encouraged to provide feedback, make recommendations, or otherwise advise.

Triennial Review to Internal Operations Committee (IOC)

Seek input from members of the Transportation Water & Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)

Seek input from the County Administrator's office and Clerk of the Board

Ultimately, the full Board of Supervisors must approve any proposed changes to IPM Policy or IPMAC Bylaws. IPMAC will continue to operate as presently constituted.

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