



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

**Parks Division
Integrated Pest Management
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 3, 2022
Zoom Webinar
2:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 2:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman

Staff Present: Jazmin LeBlanc, Caitlin Lam, Nathan Slack, Simon Herrera, Mark Nunez, Erin Markey, Beth Anna Cornett

Also Present: Julie Love with Rincon Consultants

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

N/A

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Greg Chittick reported that he received email correspondence from a member of the public who expressed their concerns about the use of all pest control materials and their impacts on public and environmental health.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/LaBonte) to approve the minutes of November 30, 2021. The motion passed (3/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request by Parks Staff to establish Regular quarterly meetings of the IPM Advisory Committee rather than scheduling ad hoc Special meetings – FOR ACTION

Jazmin LeBlanc explained that Parks staff would like to change from holding ad hoc Special meetings to quarterly Regular meetings in order to save staff and committee member time and to have a predictable schedule for all City staff. Jazmin recommended July, October, January, and April to ensure that we meet when the Annual IPM Report is due in July. Committee members were in strong support of the request. The group decided that 9am on the third Thursdays of those months would work best. Committee members also expressed interest in continuing to meet remotely due to convenience with the possibility for occasional in-person meetings at Parks. Chair Chittick motioned to approve the request, stating that the committee would meet at 9am on the third Thursday in the months of July, October, January, and April; Member LaBonte seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Jazmin added that it is likely we will want to cancel the meeting in April 2022.

B. Exemption Request for use of Vikane and Chloropicrin for fumigation of 209 State Street – (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Mark Nunez described the need for fumigation of termites at the Amtrak building. The three pest control contractors that inspected the building all recommended fumigation. Mark confirmed that the outside of the building will be completely secured with 6-foot fence and explained that Amtrak business will be run totally online with staff working outdoors. Chair Chittick asked about the availability of security guards to keep people from trying to enter the fenced area. Mark offered to having his night crew monitor the area in the evenings while the building is tented. Chair Chittick motioned to approve the request, on the condition that nighttime Parking staff do security checks; Member Saltzman seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

C. Programmatic Exemption request for use of BurnOut for weed control at Elings Park Veterans' Memorial Walkway and Oak Grove Mitigation Sites as needed over the 7-year maintenance and monitoring period – (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Beth Anna Cornett and Julie Love presented the need to use BurnOut on weeds in new plantings in Elings Parks in which weeds cannot be removed mechanically due to abundance and/or causing erosion of hillsides. Julie explained that the maximum amount of applications would be 5 times per year but that they anticipate using it 1-2 times per year. Julie clarified that the site is in the uplands so there is no possibility of the BurnOut getting into the watershed for Arroyo Burro Creek, that the material would not be applied before rain or high wind events, and would be applied with target spraying or painting. Chair Chittick requested posting before application and Member Saltzman highlighted the opportunity to education the public about the use of safe, alternative pest control materials. Chair Chittick also requested that Public Works submit a brief report of efficacy to the committee when significant findings have been made. Chair Chittick motioned to approve the request, on the conditions that the park be posted with signage including some information about the safe nature of the material and that Public Works submit feedback on the treatments when available; Member Saltzman seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

D. Exemption Request for use of Glyphosate for Pampas grass control on Las Positas Road– (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Erin Markey presented the need for the use of glyphosate to remove a mature Pampas grass plants on the east side of Las Positas Road just to the north and south of Portosuello Street in a small wetland area adjacent to the street. The smaller plants will be removed by hand but there are some very large, mature plants that would require an excavator to remove, which would not be a practical application. Erin explained that the plants would be cut back, making sure to bag the seed heads, and the material applied directly to those cut stumps rather than foliar spray, with no application 48 hours before a rain event or during a high wind event. Creeks plans to coordinate with Parks to do this application at the same time that this area is closed for vegetative fuel management in May or June so that road closure can be kept to a minimum. Chair Chittick motioned to approve the request, on the conditions that application happen 48 hours before a rain event and using the method of cutting and targeted spray; Member Saltzman seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.