



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

**Parks Division
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Parks Building Break Room
402 E Ortega St
Santa Barbara, CA
10:00 A.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 10:08 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Larry Saltzman, Barbara Silver, Keith Nevison

Staff Present: Jazmin LeBlanc, Daisy Hernandez, Simón Herrera, Monique O’Conner, Erin Markey

Also Present: Kathy McGill (P&R Commission), Holly Wright (Channel Islands Restoration) Doug Morgan (Channel Islands Restoration)

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

N/A

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

N/A

MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Exemption Request for use of Imazapyr in Gould Park (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Doug Morgan and Holly Wright from Channel Islands Restoration (CIR) presented an exemption request to use Imazapyr in Gould Park. They gave a presentation on the work underway by CIR to eradicate fennel along East Camino Cielo in the Los Padres National Forest. Funding for the project comes from a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant. Doug Morgan discussed the problems caused by Fennel, such as fire fuel and sight line issues. CIR staff stated that mechanical treatment can lead to excessive erosion and that grazing is not practical in the area and can spread the fennel via movement of the animals.

After starting the project, CIR discovered that a portion of East Camino Cielo runs through Gould Park, rather than US Forest Service land, which is why CIR approached the City with this request. CIR requested an herbicide treatment of three percent Imazapyr on the fennel located near the road. Applicators are trained to protect adjacent plants, treat areas only in ideal weather conditions, and restrict access to the site during application periods. Chair Chittick specified that this being a one-time exemption that any further treatment would need to be requested with a new application. Chair Chittick moved to approve; Member Saltzman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 A.M.