

April 20, 2004

Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, California 94901

**SUBJECT: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) PROGRAM REPORT BY IPM COORDINATOR.**

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive report from County IPM Coordinator regarding the status of the county IPM program pursuant to Ordinance Section 23.19.170 (h).

**REPORT:** Since the passage of the Marin County IPM ordinance, the following goals and accomplishments have been achieved:

- 75% pesticide use reduction,
- Completed "Marin IPM Work Plan" for county properties,
- Developed an exempt pest control materials list,
- Developed a Homeowners Informational IPM brochure,
- Presented IPM award of achievement to County kitchen crew, and MCSTOPP,
- Civic Center cafeteria and kitchen continues bug free,
- Provided funds for weed pulling equipment for Public Works, volunteer weed removal group,
- Amended County IPM Commission webpage adding links to sites with additional pest management information

Future efforts to continue to advance an integrated approach to pest management will include:

- Provide IPM workshops for County employees and the public,
- Review of IPM ordinance for clarity and elements in need of update,
- Continue to develop specific IPM plans for county properties,
- Develop an "IPM Tips" column for the Marin County newsletter.
- Develop County IPM web page with least toxic information and links

To better facilitate integrated management approaches to county properties, the following are current program needs:

- Increased maintenance personnel, especially in landscape maintenance.
- Incorporation of IPM responsibilities into appropriate job classes, and time provided so affected persons can develop IPM program and coordinate related activities such as site monitoring, maintain records, and research alternatives.
- Devotion of a field IPM Program Coordinator position whose responsibilities would be to that see that the IPM program is institutionalized in the county.

- Education on the foundation, philosophy, and necessary principles to build and implement an effective IPM program.

IPM coordinator would also like to thank county employees Dave Hattem and Jon Wright for their commitment to implementing IPM activities, and past IPM Commission Chair Kathy Lowery for her outstanding leadership and service to the IPM Commission and Marin County.

Respectfully submitted,

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