

Minutes

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT DECISION-MAKING SUBCOMMITTEE A Subcommittee of the IPM Advisory Committee



February 18, 2021
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely per Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

Subcommittee Members Present: Andrew Sutherland (Chair), Susan Captain, Larry Yost, Carlos Agurto, Jim Donnelly

Subcommittee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Lavelle, Wade Finlinson, Jocelyn LaRocque, Esa Ehmen-Krause

Members of the Public Present: Susan JunFish, Dave Shoemaker

The meeting convened at 10:02 AM

1. Call to order and introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

3. Approve minutes from February 18, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded (SC/LY) to approve the minutes as amended.

Ayes: Yost, Agurto, Captain

Noes: None

Abstain: Sutherland, Donnelly

Absent: None

Pubic Speakers: None

4. Begin to discuss the development of decision documentation for pest and natural resource management at County juvenile rehabilitation facilities and advise the IPM Coordinator on revisions to the document draft

The IPM Coordinator shared photographs of Juvenile Hall and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility (OAYRF) and provided introductory context for the discussion. Chief Probation Officer Esa Ehmen-Krause gave additional background information regarding both facilities. She also welcomed discussion on possible partnerships with community-based organizations that would help manage the properties better and provide career technical education opportunities.

Subcommittee members made the following observations:

- OAYRF needs a site master plan which may be beyond the scope of this subcommittee.
- Possible programmatic changes at OAYRF will impact pest management and it may be better to hold off developing decision documents for the property until there is clarity on the long-term use of the site.
- A suggestion was made for the County to explore the feasibility of using OAYRF to house a herd of County-owned goats or sheep that they could use to graze other County properties.
- OAYRF has a lot of potential and seems underutilized. The current condition of the site is unfortunate.
- Focusing on decision documentation for Juvenile Hall should be prioritized while decisions impacting OAYRF are pending.
- It's important to capture the different types of weed management systems in the Juvenile Hall draft such as weeds growing in surface cracks, recreation areas, etc.

No vote was taken on the item, but the Subcommittee generally agreed to table discussion of OAYRF until its fate is more certain, and focus on creating a vegetation management decision document for Juvenile Hall. The IPM Coordinator agreed to give an update on any changes at OAYRF and bring forward a draft of the Juvenile Hall document at the next meeting.

Public Speakers: Susan JunFish

The speaker supported the idea of creating a grazing management program at the Byron property. It was also asserted that funding opportunities would be more abundant when combining important elements of youth rehabilitation and vegetation management.

5. Continue to discuss the new visualization tool for pesticide risk assessment and determine next steps.

The Chair gave a slide presentation (see pages 4-7 below) to review the visualization tool and received the following comments from Subcommittee members:

- We feel discomfort with the process that we're using now and are looking for a better way to measure risk. Reporting whether a product is deemed a bad actor in year-end reports does little to proactively evaluate risk.
- It's important to have additional tools available for those making the decisions in the field; since this one has a visual element that includes values that typically do not appear on pesticide labels, it gives applicators a simplified way to quickly compare risks associated with products under consideration.
- If a product is deemed to be high risk in one of the panels, the exposure to that risk could vary widely depending on where and how it is applied.
- It may be helpful to look at the categorization process of other counties who maintain approved pesticide lists and compare it with how the same active ingredients may be portrayed in this tool.
- There has been opposition from the Agriculture Department on creating an approved list of pesticides because their pest control operations occur on sites that range from areas where public access is unauthorized to properties that have a high level of public access. A material that is inappropriate for one setting may be completely appropriate for another.
- The criteria for the efficacy panel of the tool could include whether or not an active ingredient has successfully been used in a similar setting in the region.

No action was taken. The Chair and IPM Coordinator will bring further developments on the topic to the next meeting.

Public Speakers: Susan JunFish

It was noted that this process should include pesticides that are on applicable injunction lists. The speaker recommended including a statement about whether or not a particular pesticide has a least toxic alternative that is successfully being used by other public agencies and to also include a note on the chart indicating which agencies are utilizing this alternative.

6. Elect a subcommittee Vice Chair

Jim Donnelly was nominated by Susan Captain and he declined the nomination. Carlos Agurto was nominated by Andrew Sutherland and he accepted the nomination.

A motion was made and seconded (AS/SC) for to elect Carlos Agurto as Vice Chair.

Ayes: Yost, Agurto, Captain, Donnelly, Sutherland

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Public Speakers: None

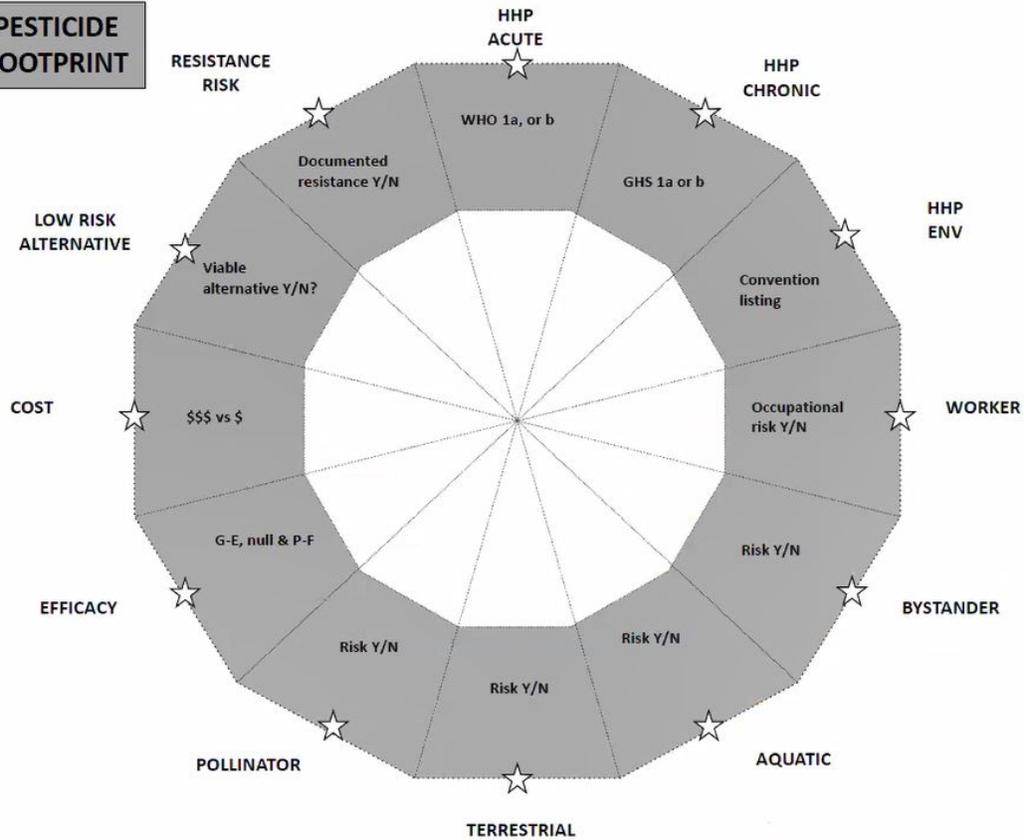
7. Adopt a 2021 meeting schedule, plan the next meeting, and adjourn

The Subcommittee agreed to meet on April 22nd, then on the 3rd Thursday of June, August, and October from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Items to be discussed at the April meeting will include decision documentation for Juvenile Hall, the new visualization tool for pesticide risk assessment, and an update on the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility.

Public Speakers: None

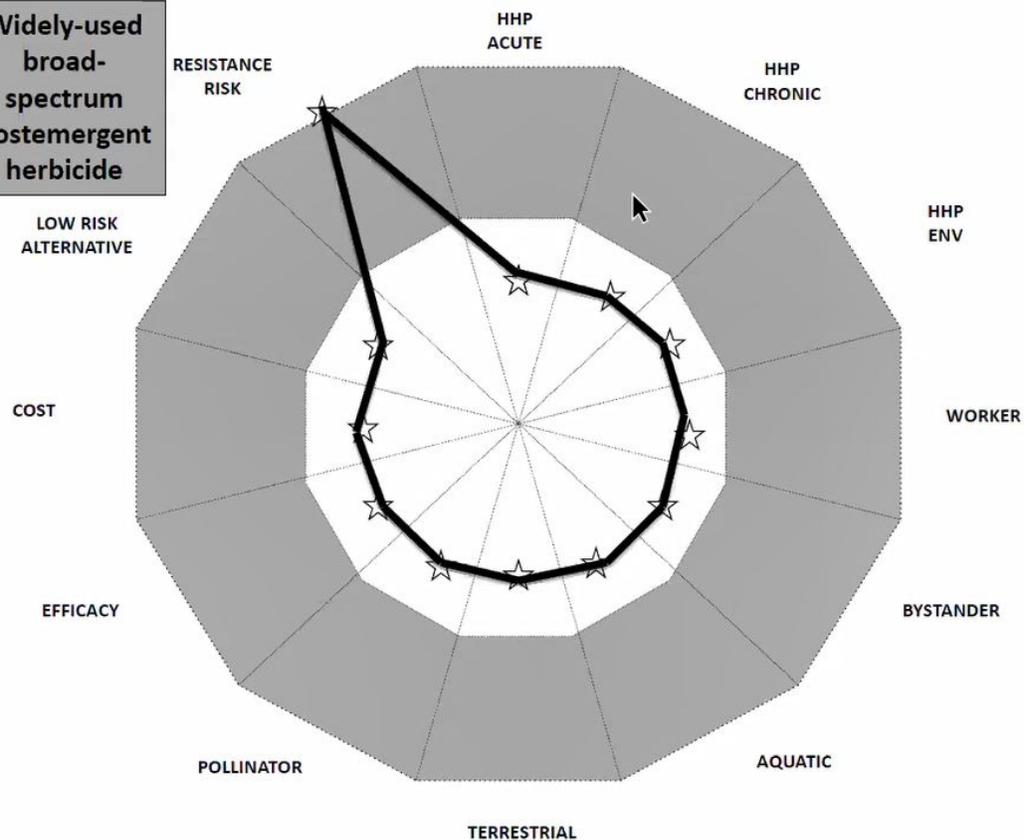
Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM

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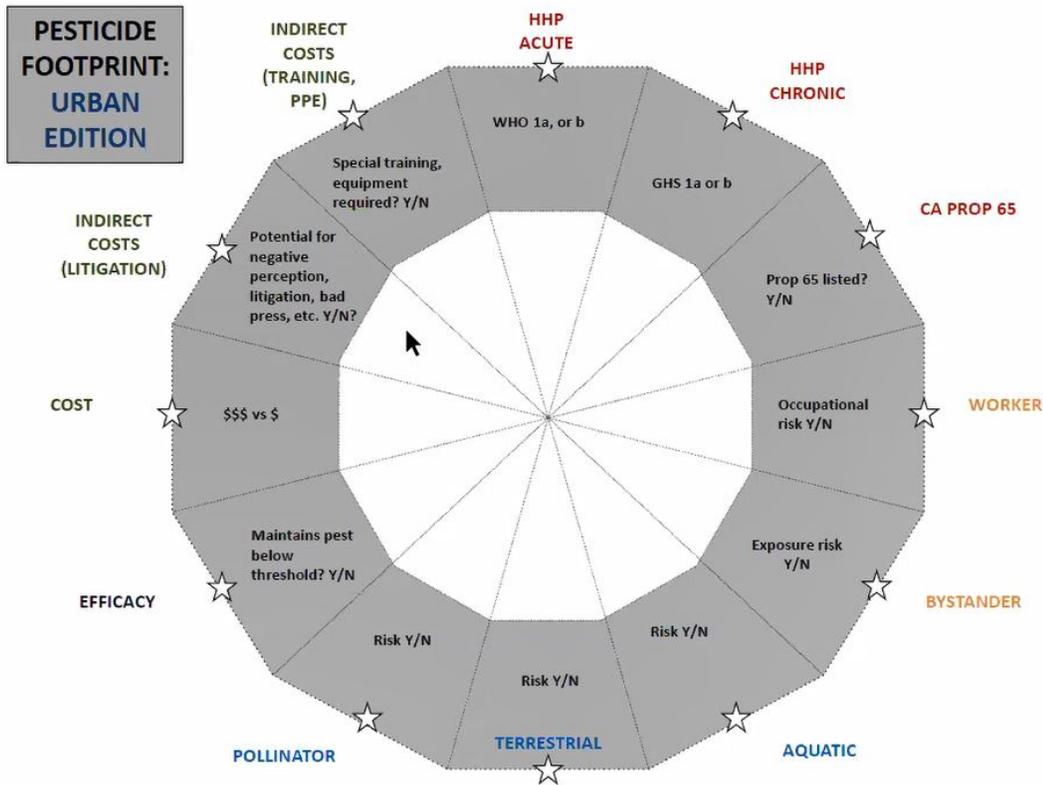


Method under development – Paul Jepson, Katie Murray, and members of Western IPM Center pesticide risk reduction workgroup

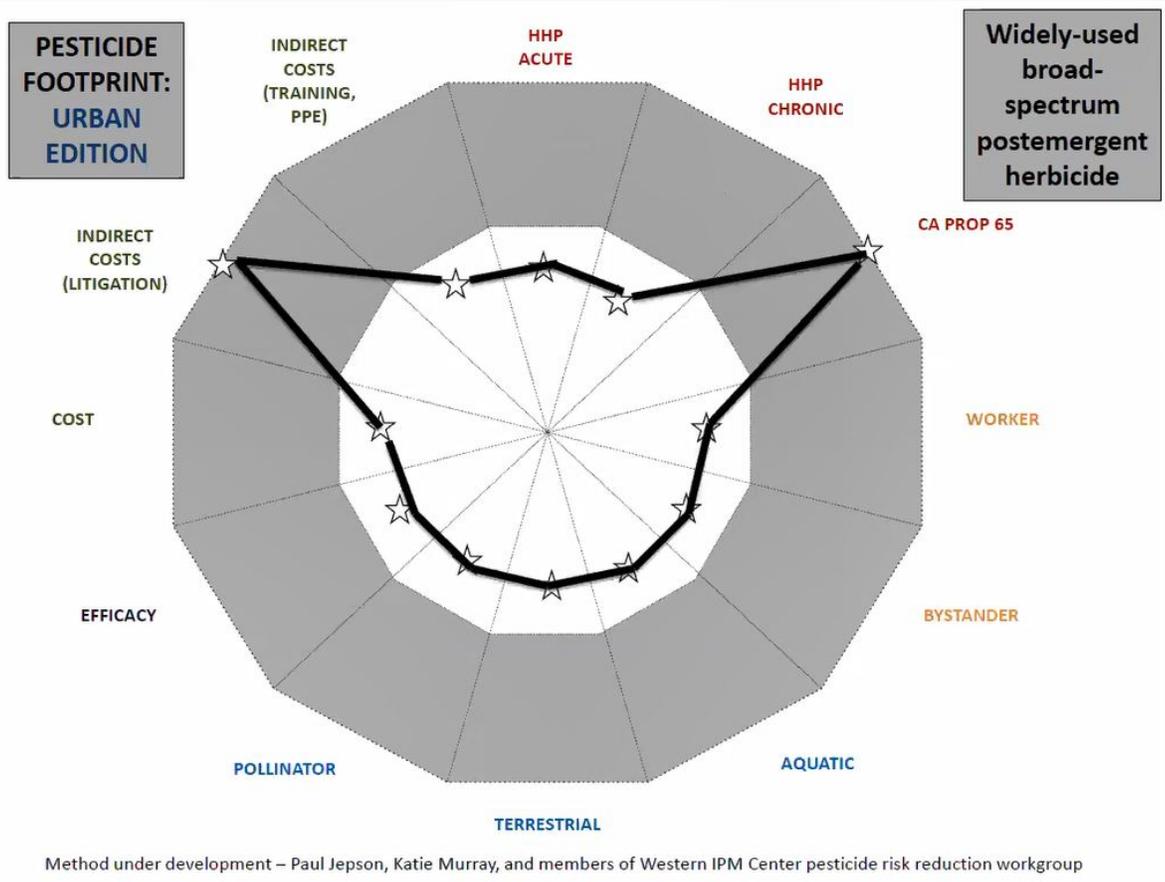
Widely-used broad-spectrum postemergent herbicide



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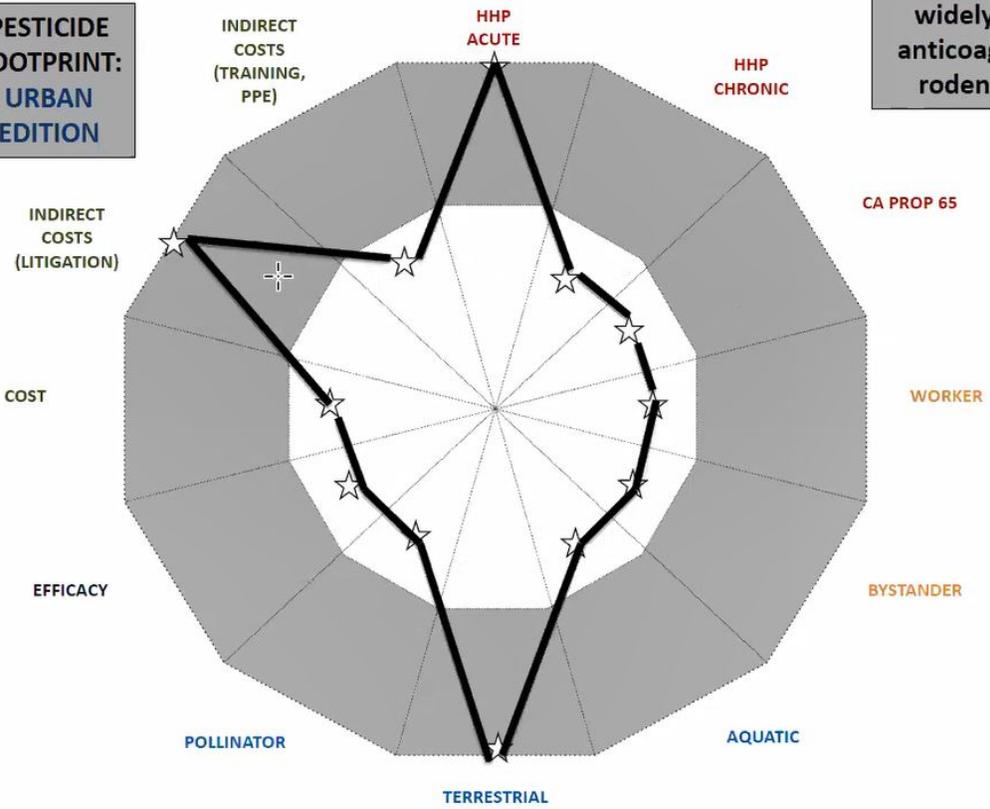
“With these management goals in mind, the most appropriate management tactics are chosen based on cost, efficacy, **impacts to the environment**, **public health**, and **other impacts to the public**.”



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**PESTICIDE
FOOTPRINT:
URBAN
EDITION**

**widely-used
anticoagulant
rodenticide**



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