

PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

San Francisco–Marin County Field Trip

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Managing Pests in a Rapidly Expanding Urban Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Luis Agurto, Jr. | President, Pestec

Carlos Agurto | Manager, Pestec

Luis oversees Pestec's San Francisco operations and bed bug abatement throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. At Laguna Honda Hospital, Luis monitors for German cockroaches daily, and excludes rodents, pigeons, and ants. Has worked for Pestec for ten years as a service representative and manager. Field experience emphasized in the practice of IPM in multifamily and low-income housing. Currently he is studying applied economics at the University of San Francisco. Carlos has worked with Pestec for five years as a service representative and manager. His specialization is pest exclusion and residential IPM. Carlos's interests are photography and beekeeping.

Stacy Carlsen | Commissioner/Sealer, Marin County Department of Agriculture

Stacy has been the Marin County Agricultural Commissioner and Director of Weights and Measures for the past 12 years. He holds a B.A. in biology with specialization in entomology, and an M.P.A. in public administration. In addition to regulating all weighing and measuring devices, Stacy established the Marin County Organic Certified Agriculture, the first local government organic certification agency in the U.S. He's also the Marin County IPM Coordinator and currently overhauling the ten-year-old IPM ordinance. Stacy is responsible for regulating pesticides, pests and diseases, and oversees farmers' markets and sales of organic foods at all local markets. Beekeeping and the study and protection of bees is of great interest. A top priority is implementing EcoWise IPM Certification far and wide in Marin County as 95% of pesticide use occurs in the urban corridor of the county. Stacy believes local, regional, and state governments play a critical role in reducing use of pesticides through education and appropriate funding of real IPM programs.

Richard Estrada II | General Manager and Pest Control Operator, ATCO Pest Control

Richard is owner of ATCO Pest Control and ATCO Termite Control & Home Restoration. He has been in the pest control industry for twelve years. Growing up in the Midwest, Richard is aware of the need to preserve our environment, which involves an integrated approach. Richard worked along side with EcoWise Certified in examining their IPM certification criteria. He is passionate about educating his staff as well as the public on alternative pest management practices.

Bob Fiorello | Staff Gardener & Pest Control Adviser, Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park

Bob Fiorello is a horticulturist and pest control professional with over twenty years experience in the green industry. A licensed Pest Control Adviser working in both the private and public sectors, Bob develops, implements, and refines IPM practices. Bob has worked for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department for the past fourteen years, served as the department's first IPM Coordinator and was a key person in launching one of best-known national urban IPM programs.

A founding member of the San Francisco IPM Technical Advisory Committee, Bob has worked with various city departments and other public agencies since 1996. His efforts have earned him several honors including a National IPM Achievement Award and DPR's IPM Innovator Award.

Having returned to field work as a gardener with the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum in 1998, Bob continues to put theory to practice in making the city's botanical garden a model for least-toxic pest management and sustainability.

Mary Louise Flint, Ph.D. | Associate Director, UC Urban and Community IPM, UCIPM, University of California Davis

After earning a Ph.D. in entomology from UC Berkeley, Mary Lou went on to coordinate the University of California's educational IPM materials and developed UC's popular IPM manual series, the UC IPM Pest Management Guidelines for agricultural crops, and the Pest Note series for home and landscapes. Mary Lou has written several research papers and books. In 2007, UC IPM created a new urban and community IPM program, appointing Mary Lou as its associate director. The program serves licensed as well as nonlicensed pesticide users.

Larry Funk | Associate Administrator, Laguna Honda Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, San Francisco

Larry Funk is a nationally recognized healthcare executive with over 35 years of experience in healthcare and public administration. Larry has a B.A. from the University of Texas, a M.S. from San Francisco State University, and an MPA from Golden Gate University. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Larry has lead the planning and design for the new Laguna Honda from its origin in the late 1980s.

Chris Geiger, Ph.D. | Manager of Green Purchasing and IPM Programs, Department of the Environment, City and County of San Francisco

Chris received a Ph.D. in entomology from UC Berkeley, and spent five years in Southeast Asia training farmers in IPM. Before joining the San Francisco program, Geiger was a scientist with DPR. In 2006, Chris and the San Francisco IPM program won a National IPM Achievement Award.

Annie Joseph | Pest Management Consultant, Our Water, Our World

Annie graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in ornamental horticulture. She's worked in the nursery industry in California for over 30 years, with all but two of those years as a California Certified Nursery Professional. Annie's wide-ranging experience includes retail nursery sales and management and 20 years in wholesale pesticide sales. For the past 11 years, she's volunteered and consulted with the Our Water Our World program. Annie is one of the lead consultants in a Proposition 13 Clean Water Act grant that spread the OWOW program from the Oregon border south through Santa Barbara County. Currently, Annie is involved with the Walgreens creative settlement with DPR and working on other OWOW activities with city and county agencies.

Ted Shapas, Ph.D. | Program Manager, EcoWise Certified

Ted has a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Wisconsin, and worked as a research scientist and manager for SC Johnson Wax and American Cyanamid. For 14 years he was a department manager for Clorox working on the research and development of Combat and MaxForce bait products. In 2005, he became program manager for EcoWise Certified.

Jon Wright | Building Engineer, Marin County Maintenance & Engineering

Jon earned a BS in horticultural sciences from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and worked for the departments of agriculture for Alameda and San Mateo counties. He made his way to Marin County as a park ranger, and has been with the Department of Public Works since 1993. Jon was appointed to Marin County's IPM Commission in 2002. In 2004, Jon was recognized as an outstanding employee by the Marin County Board of Supervisors for his work maintaining fire stations, libraries, Flood Control pump stations and Juvenile Hall.