

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 12/08/2020 by the following vote:

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Resolution No. 2020/326

In The Matter Of: Contra Costa County Application for a Pest Management Research Grant from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County adopted an Integrated Pest Management Policy on November 12, 2002, to protect public health, County resources and the environment; and

WHEREAS, pests are managed in and on County-maintained properties and facilities, using Integrated Pest Management principles and technique; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the County Integrated Pest Management Program is to promote the combined use of physical, cultural, biological and chemical control methods to effectively manage pests with minimal risk to humans and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Integrated Pest Management Policy is to minimize risks to the general public, staff and the environment as a result of pest control activities conducted by County staff and contractors; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County Departments rely on the application of diphacinone, a first-generation anticoagulant rodenticide, to protect critical infrastructure such as dams, levees, roads, and farms, where ground squirrel burrowing can threaten structural integrity and operations; and

WHEREAS, County operations have reduced the amount of rodenticides used by 91% over the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom signed the California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2020 on September 29, 2020 declaring that all anticoagulant rodenticides have a harmful impact on nontarget animals; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the IPM Advisory Committee made the following recommendations that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Encourage County operations to continue to evaluate new and existing weed and ground squirrel management tactics, considering site requirements, efficacy, cost, impacts to the environment, and impacts to the community.
2. Direct departments to annually propose and prioritize potential research projects associated with emerging and innovative strategies and tactics that will improve the County's IPM program.
3. Encourage County departments to seek outside funding sources for these IPM research projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorizes the Health Services Director, or her designee, to apply for a Pest Management Research Grant through the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board certifies that the County will work towards the refinement of decision-making processes for pest management, the enhanced integration of pest management practices, the use of surveillance and mapping technology to improve monitoring efficiency and workplace safety, the improvement of application technologies with the goal of increasing the cost-effectiveness of reduced-risk practices, and the use of modeling or other appropriate statistical analyses to advance Integrated Pest Management state-wide, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges that the County understands and accepts that if the project is selected by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the County must cover the costs to complete work related to the development and execution of the research project

until reimbursement by the State.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

Contact: Wade Finlinson, 925-655-3214

ATTESTED: December 8, 2020

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

cc: L Walker, M Wilhelm, W Finlinson