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Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE INTEGRATED PEST  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM'S 2015 ANNUAL REPORT, AND TO  
APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED ALLOWED PRODUCTS LIST  
FOR 2016**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Accept the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program's 2015 Annual Report.
2. Approve the Recommended Allowed Products List for 2016.

**SUMMARY:**

This annual report provides the Marin County Board of Supervisors and the public a summary and analysis of the County's Integrated Pest Management Program in 2015. The report meets all requirements of BOS Ordinance No. 3598 and IPM Policy, which includes a review of pesticide use records, and is accompanied by a proposed list of "Allowed Pesticide Products" for 2016.

The County IPM program applies to 147 sites including regional parks, landscaped right of ways and traffic medians, multiuse pathways, public buildings, boat ramps, remote radio antennae sites, pump stations, detention facilities, and other unique sites. In 2015, 126 sites were maintained without the use of pesticides.

Key components of the program include training, pest monitoring and identification, pest prevention, the use of alternative pest control activities focusing on mechanical, biological and cultural practices, a robust volunteer program, and the use of chemical control measures. Each site is evaluated on a regular basis and thresholds for pest problems are monitored. In the event that a pest exceeds an acceptable threshold, various management options are considered, with an emphasis given to non-chemical methods. The choice of treatment is determined based on severity, timing,

public safety, worker safety and available resources. The IPM program also consists of monthly reporting, oversight of contracts and maintenance agreements involving pest management activities, website administration, reporting, and coordination with Marin County's Agricultural Commissioner and the State Department of Pesticide Regulation.

The County's program continues to lead the way regionally as well as nationally by aggressively focusing on non-chemical IPM alternatives and staying abreast of current trends and technology. This report summarizes achievements and non-chemical IPM management methods, details partnerships supporting the program, lists the violations and exemptions issued in 2015, analyzes chemical pesticide use (both conventional and organic), and discusses the allowed products list for 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approving this annual report has no fiscal impact.

**REVIEWED BY:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

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Respectfully submitted,



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