

Marin County IPM Achievement Award

Introduction

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a process used to solve pest problems while minimizing risks to people and the environment. IPM can be used to manage all kinds of pests anywhere—in urban, agricultural and natural areas. The Marin County Board of Supervisors adopted an IPM policy in 1983, followed by IPM Ordinance No. 3598 in 1998. These documents govern and guide management of pests on property owned, managed, and leased by the County. A key purpose of the ordinance is to “Expand our IPM and best management practices with the goal of eliminating the use of pesticides.”

Purpose

The Marin County Integrated Pest Management Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate innovation, knowledge, skill, leadership, inspiration, and / or courage in pursuing new systems of pest management that result in reduction in pesticide use within Marin County. The Commission may recognize up to two individuals and / or organizations per year that meet the eligibility and selection criteria.

Eligibility

- Marin County staff, contractors, volunteers, community leaders, commercial property owners, schools, non-profit organizations, landscape workers and pest control applicators, retailers, residents
- Demonstrated sustained actions and / or efforts for a minimum of two years
- Has not been a recipient of the award within the last three years

Schedule

- Nomination must be received by the Chair, Marin County IPM Commission by September 1 of the award year
- Nominations that meet eligibility requirements will be provided to the IPM Commission Award Evaluation Subcommittee by October 1 of the award year
- Recommendations from Award Evaluation Subcommittee will be provided to all IPM Commissioners in advance of the third quarter IPM Commission meeting, and voted on at that meeting
- Award will be announced / presented at the fourth quarter IPM Commission meeting (held in January following the award year)

Nomination requirements

- Nominations for the Marin County IPM Achievement Award must be provided in writing
- Nominations must be received as identified in the schedule above
- Nominee must meet the eligibility criteria listed above
- Nominations must meet three or more of the selection criteria listed below, and include documented examples of how the criteria were met

Selection criteria (select three or more)

- Developed and implemented imaginative ideas, new ways of doing things

- Found ways to make the most out of existing resources
- Questioned existing assumptions and beliefs; encouraged people to think of and consider implementing alternative ways of doing things with demonstrable results
- Considered constraints that limited innovation; worked within constraints to create novel approaches
- Showed a commitment to applying innovative techniques to their specific circumstances and sharing their experience with others
- Increased the public's understanding of IPM through scientific discovery, innovation, and its communication to the public
- Encouraged others to help raise public understanding of IPM
- Promoted engagement of scientists, environmental experts, IPM experts, public health and animal health experts in public outreach
- Fostered awareness of IPM among broad segments of the population
- Championed changes in knowledge, awareness, and/or behavior related to pesticide use

Selection process (IPM Commission Award Evaluation Subcommittee)

- Quantitative and qualitative measurements are applied to each submission
- Systematic evaluation of each nomination to identify which of the selection criteria clearly apply
- Assessment of a “big picture” qualitative look at the scope and contributions of each nominee
- Summary of nominee information that includes Nominee name, List of Criteria Achieved, Supporting examples and Qualitative Assessment Comments is prepared
- Recommendations for award recipient(s) based on the systematic evaluation performed are provided to the Chair, IPM Commission
- Award may be made to up to two individuals and / or organizations per year
- An award is not required to be given each calendar year

Award process / communication

- Award will be presented by the Chair, Marin County IPM Commission
- Award winner will be presented at the Marin County Board of Supervisors meeting following presentation of award
- Award winner’s name will be added to the Marin County IPM Award recognition plaque located outside of the Board of Supervisors meeting room.
- Award winner’s name will be added to the Marin County IPM website.

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