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MEETING SUMMARY

Public meeting on the proposed 2006 San Francisco Reduced-Risk Pesticide List

Tuesday, December 13, 2005
Room 034 San Francisco City Hall,
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA

Participants

Chris Geiger, SF Dept. of the Environment
Deanna Simon, SF Dept. of the Environment
Don Thomas, SF Public Utilities Commission
Franklin B. Johnson, SF Metropolitan Transportation Agency
J. Tony Lazcano, SF Unified School District
Jim Donovan, Donovan's Pest Control, Inc.
Luis Agurto, Pestec

Phillip Rossi, SF Dept. of Recreation & Parks
Stuart Dake, SF International Airport
Susan Junfish, Parents for a Safer Environment
Susan Kegley, Pesticide Action Network-NA

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of the 2006 Reduced-Risk Pesticide List
Chris Geiger, Ph.D., City Toxics Reduction Coordinator
3. Public Comment on List
4. Review and public comment on "limited use, special concern" (L*) pesticide usage by City departments
City Department staff
5. Review and public comment on exemption requests for non-listed pesticides granted by the Dept. of the Environment to City departments
City Department staff
6. Adjournment – 6:00 pm

Summary

- Chris Geiger summarized results of IPM Technical Advisory Committee special meeting on the RRPL, held Dec. 8, 2005.
- Discussion on flea, bedbug, and rat control methods
- Phillip Rossi justified Dept. of Rec & Parks use of "Limited Use – Special Concern" (L*) products in 2005

- 336 WP Turf – fungicide used during refurbishing effort on palm tree – did not work, will not do it again.
- Marathon 1% - topic use on greenhouse whitefly (mums)
- Proturf K.O.G. – ¼ rate use on golf greens for *Soliva sessilis* and *Cotula mexicana* weeds. Required to meet PGA standards for Harding Park golf course
- Vanquish – Required to meet PGA standards for Harding Park golf course.
- Heritage – Preventive use (usually not sanctioned) - required to meet PGA standards for Harding Park golf course
- Sunspray oil – used in conservatory – finishing up stocks
- Stu Dake justified SFIA use of PreCor IGR Concentrate (insect growth regulator used for cockroaches)
 - APM (contractor) did not apply for exemption – Stu will contact them
- Phillip Rossi justified exemptions sought by Dept. of Rec & Parks in 2005:
 - Lontrel – had been granted exemption to try on 100 sq. ft. area of golf course weeds – never used it.
 - Prozap – plastic strips used inside irrigation control boxes for control of earwigs, which short out boxes (\$1,000 each). Turf may be damaged by lack of water. Required to meet PGA standards for Harding Park golf course.
 - Deltadust – also for earwigs in irrigation control boxes – never used.
 - Merit – used for crane flies and cutworms. Required to meet PGA standards for Harding Park golf course. Suspect that PGA wanted to repel or kill earthworms as well. Lengthy discussion ensued on best way to engage PGA on this issue.
- Stu Dake justified exemptions sought by SFIA in 2005:
 - Flouramite exemption granted for mite control in international terminal. Never used – SFE letter of concern to SFIA managers resulted in increased budget for beneficial mite predators instead of pesticide use in terminal.

The revised 2006 Reduced-Risk Pesticide List, and the reasons for adding/removing/changing product listings, are summarized in separate documents.

