

ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, CA

Wednesday, July 29, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 pm, Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

AGENDA

<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
(D)	2:00	Draft 2008 Annual Analysis of Pesticide Use at East Bay Regional Park District	(Brownfield)
(I)	3:00	Alternative Pest Management Questionnaire	(Theile)
(D)	3:30	Agenda Items for Next Meeting – September 9, 2009	(Dotson/Anderson)
	3:45	Public Comment	(Dotson)
	4:00	Adjournment	(Dotson)
(R)		Recommendation for Future Board Consideration	
(I)		Information	
(D)		Discussion	

Ecology Committee Members:

Whitney Dotson – Chair, Carol Severin
Ed Leong, Gail Broesder, Anne Scheer, Mike Anderson

Distribution/Agenda

Only

Laura Baker	Rick Parmer
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Packets

Nancy Brownfield
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Summary of Ecology Committee Agenda Items
July 29, 2009

I. Draft 2008 Annual Analysis of Pesticide Use at East Bay Regional Park District (Brownfield)

This draft report for 2008 provides the following information:

- Discusses current program alternatives to pesticides.
- Summarizes the total of all pesticide usage District-wide for 2008.
- Compares 2008 pesticide usage with that of the prior year 2007.
- Analyzes pesticide usage by Park Operations, District Units (trails, FEMA/Fuels reduction, Design/Construction), Concessionaires and IPM invasive weed and vertebrate control projects.
- Reviews the progress of priority Resource Management projects.
- Lists pesticide exemptions for 2008.
- Sets annual pest management goals for 2009.

The findings of this draft report indicate that the overall usage for District Park Operation has slightly increased (2%) over that of 2007. This slight change is attributable to better timing in weed and vertebrate control, weather conditions, and use of alternative pest management strategies.

2. Alternative Pest Management Questionnaire (Theile)

Staff will discuss and explain the “Methods of Pest Control Questionnaire”. At a union member’s request, the Ecology Committee agreed that IPM would develop a questionnaire and send it to Operations to determine what “pest control methods” besides pesticides, might be used in our parks by staff. The questionnaire was developed by IPM and approved by Jack Kenney for limited distribution to operations. The results of this initial questionnaire while yet undetermined, will give the IPM department and the Ecology Committee current information on alternative methods other than pesticides being used in the district.