Santa Clara Valley
Urban Runoff
Pollution Prevention Program

Evaluation Form

Landscape IPM Workshop

Number of Evaluations: 36

Number of Attendees: 63

San Jose City Hall April 25, 2024

1. Pesticides Toxicity Control Requirements in the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit – Given by – Vishakha Atre, SCVURPPP.

   Very Useful (20) **Somewhat Useful (15)** **Not useful (0)**

   Comments:

2. Overview of Integrated Pest Management – Given by Andrew Lopez, NSCRDCD.

   Very Useful (22) **Somewhat Useful (13)** **Not useful (0)**

   Comments:
   - Great review/summary.

3. Invasive Shot Hole Borer – Identification, Monitoring and Management – Given by Drew Raymond, Santa Clara County Division of Agriculture.

   Very Useful (32) **Somewhat Useful (2)** **Not useful (0)**

   Comments:
   - The content was informative and helpful.
   - Best presentation of the day!

4. Integrated Pest Management Strategies for Yellowjacket Wasps and Nuisance Ants – Dr. Andrew Sutherland, UC Cooperative Extension.

   Very Useful (28) **Somewhat Useful (5)** **Not useful (0)**
   Did not attend (1)

   Comments:
   - Great presentation
   - The content was informative and helpful.

5. Local IPM Programs and Successes and Challenges with Creating Pesticide-free Municipal Spaces – Panel Discussion

   Very Useful (20) **Somewhat Useful (12)** **Not useful (1)**
   Did not attend (1)

   Comments:

6. **Did this workshop meet your expectations?** **Yes: (33)** **No: (0)**

- Overall, very good content and info, speakers were very good overall.

7. **What parts of the workshop were most useful to you?**
   - Open discussion part, hearing how fellow city IPM programs are used.
   - Specific pest IPM techniques from specialists. (2)
   - I thought all the speakers were excellent. It was very informative and one of the best trainings I have attended.
   - Pest specific presentations were helpful!
   - The presentation "Integrated Pest Management Strategies for Yellowjacket Wasps and Nuisance Ants".
   - Dr. Andrew. (2)
   - Panel discussion on what cities are doing to become pesticide free.
   - ISHB, yellowjackets. (6)
   - Shot hole borer. (7)
   - ISHB info was interesting and very useful.
   - Yellowjackets. (2)
   - Presentations by both Andrews.
   - All.

8. **What would have made this workshop more useful?**
   - Information on weeds and IPM. Most of the issues of rodents and insects are being contacted out now.
   - It would have been helpful to begin the day with a stronger picture of the water quality impacts of pesticides and why it matters.
   - Shown impact of pesticides on water quality.
   - It was very useful as is. (3)
   - Lunch.
   - Better sound system.
   - Maybe some ISA Arborist CEUs.
   - More continuing education hours. (5)
   - Processes of addressing common issues with weeds.

9. **What topics would you recommend for a future workshop?**
   - More specific IPM techniques for problem pests.
   - Weeding and invasive plant management.
   - What water bodies are impaired due to pesticides in the county and region, what are the POCs in our permit, what are they typically used to treat. What do pesticides do to the environment.
   - Putting together a good IPM Plan (BMPs and SOPs)
   - Plant and Pest ID, (weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, pathogens) Biotic and Abiotic disorders of landscape plants.
   - Invasive insect species (e.g., lantern fly) and control.
   - Pest trapping.

- Owl/biological control.
- Anything related to trees, maybe the best CA native trees to plant.
- Rodent control/management, use of fertilizers on water quality.
- IPM techniques for ground squirrel control.
- What new herbicides to use during weed season other than Roundup as tolerance builds up in weeds. Technology advances, calibration techniques.
- More pesticide related topics/impact topics.

10. **General Comments?**

- Could not attend the entire presentation, but the sessions I did attend were very informative and I always appreciate the SCVURPPP MRP overview explaining the why for those new to stormwater or do not work under the MRP and understand the reasons behind why they have to do their work a certain way to protect stormwater runoff. Thanks for including that.
- Good Job! (4)
- Thanks! (4)
- Signage out front of the venue would have been appreciated. Hard to locate correct door.
- All the information was useful, and the workshop was helpful.
- Good overall. (2)
- Very informative.