



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 29, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Integrated Pest Management Innovator Award

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's 2007 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Innovator Award.

DISCUSSION:

On January 17, 2008, the City of Santa Barbara received a 2007 IPM Innovator Award from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation in Sacramento California. This award is given to acknowledge new approaches to help reduce or avoid the risks associated with some traditional chemical pesticides.

The City of Santa Barbara was acknowledged for their formal IPM Strategy, adopted by Council in January 2004, as well as the Pesticide Hazard and Exposure Reduction (PHAER) Zone model, which assigns a Green, Yellow, or Special Circumstance/Red Zone designation to each park, or portion of a park, based on the potential for exposure to humans and sensitive habitat. Today, 98% of City parkland is managed with "Green" (least) harmful materials.

City staff works with a five-member citizen IPM Advisory Committee to implement IPM techniques and review ideas for new innovative technology.

Mr. James Shattuck, representative from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation will be present at the Council meeting to present the award.

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