

2020

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION PRESENTS:

2020 IPM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

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Welcome, Introductions,
and Presentations

Val Dolcini, Director,
Department of Pesticide Regulation

Guest Speaker

Jared Blumenfeld,
Secretary for Environmental Protection

“We are at an inflection point in the evolution of pest management in California. Greater use of integrated pest management techniques will be fundamental as we transition to safer and more sustainable tools. I congratulate this year’s award winners for helping lead this transition and for using innovative and sustainable pest management techniques that are both effective and safer for the environment.”

–Val Dolcini, DPR Director

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All Kids Academy Head Start, Inc.

All Kids Academy (AKA) Head Start, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing child care services in the San Diego area that has created an exemplary pest management program at their 14 child care centers. Their IPM program focuses on strong communication, careful monitoring, and active prevention to manage pests. AKA Head Start, Inc. partners with experts to find the most effective, lower-risk options to protect the children in their care from pests and pesticide risk.

As our first child care center award recipient, AKA Head Start, Inc. sets the bar for IPM implementation and Healthy Schools Act compliance at child care programs in California.

More information is available at

<https://akaheadstart.org>

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UC IPM Spray Application Pest Management Alliance Team

Through extensive training and outreach efforts, the Spray Application Pest Management Alliance Team aims to minimize the incidence of agricultural pesticide drift and reduce the risk of pesticide illness. The Team developed an *Air Blast Sprayer Calibration* training program to increase pesticide applicators' adoption of best practices when using air blast sprayers. The in-person training program was adapted into an interactive online course that offers practical experience in key training topics. The highly effective training and extensive outreach completed by the Spray Application Pest Management Alliance Team has delivered benefits well beyond the intended audience.

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Humane Wildlife Control Inc.

Humane Wildlife Control Inc., a pest management company located in Monterey County, is committed to using humane and ecological pest management for structural rodent and wildlife management. The company does not use any rodenticides. Instead, they use live-trapping, one-way exits, and biological control to remove and exclude rodents. According to Rebecca Dmytryk, co-founder of Humane Wildlife Control Inc., the non-chemical methods used by the company are effective long-term and prevent re-infestation. Humane Wildlife Control Inc. has demonstrated that a business strategy based on humane and ecological pest management is achievable and successful.

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Phytophthoras in Native Habitats Work Group

The Phytophthoras in Native Habitats Work Group formed in 2015 to minimize the spread of *Phytophthora* pathogens in restoration sites and native plant nurseries. *Phytophthora* pathogens are devastating to plants in habitat restoration areas and forest settings. This Work Group has completed five years of research on the *Phytophthoras* pathogen and used this research to create comprehensive best management practices for managing *Phytophthoras* in nursery settings. Their adaptive IPM practices aim to halt the pathogen's spread in nurseries and natural areas. Through extensive research and effective outreach efforts to share their resources, the Phytophthoras in Native Habitats Work Group has made commendable progress and long-lasting impacts in minimizing the spread of *Phytophthoras*.

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Michael Baefsky, Lifetime IPM Achievement Award

For his career-long dedication to IPM advocacy and education, Michael Baefsky is being honored with the first DPR Lifetime IPM Achievement Award. Through his landscaping consulting firm, Trees, Bugs, Dirt, Mr. Baefsky provides professional IPM consulting with an emphasis on developing site-specific IPM plans for public and private entities. Throughout his career, he has held advisory positions in the Bay Area in which he helped develop many IPM publications. Mr. Baefsky recently worked with the San Francisco Department of the Environment to co-author *Pest Prevention by Design – Landscapes*, an interactive IPM model that focuses on designing landscapes to prevent pest invasions. Michael Baefsky's ongoing dedication to IPM implementation through professional, advisory, and teaching endeavors has enriched the field of IPM and will continue to benefit the people and environment of California for years to come.

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Thank you to the 2020 IPM Achievement Award recipients for supporting the mission of the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Our mission is to protect human health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales and use, and by fostering reduced-risk pest management.

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