

2021

Integrated Pest Management
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



The Department of Pesticide Regulation presents:

2021 IPM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Virtual ceremony on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

View webcast during the ceremony here: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

Welcome, Introductions,
and Presentations

Guest Speaker

Julie Henderson, Director,
Department of Pesticide Regulation

Serena McIlwain, Undersecretary,
California Environmental Protection Agency



“The Integrated Pest Management Achievement Awards celebrate leaders helping to accelerate the adoption of safer and more sustainable approaches to pest management across the state. Each year DPR recognizes winners whose work is critical to improving the health of all Californians and protecting our environment, while continuing to support a strong agricultural economy and effectively managing urban pests. I congratulate this year’s award winners on their engagement and collaboration in implementing and promoting integrated pest management throughout California.”

– Julie Henderson, DPR Director

DPR is pleased to announce the awardees of the 2021 Integrated Pest Management Achievement Awards.

UC ANR’s Urban IPM Advisors
Karey Windbiel-Rojas, Dr. Andrew Sutherland,
Dr. Niamh Quinn, and Dr. Siavash Taravati

The IPM Program at Anaheim Union High School District

California Invasive Plant Council

Metropolitan Golf Links

Pisoni Family Vineyards

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The team of advisors, Karey Windbiel-Rojas, Dr. Andrew Sutherland, Dr. Niamh Quinn, and Dr. Siavash Taravati, plays an important roles in encouraging IPM implementation in urban settings throughout California. As UC ANR's Urban IPM Advisors, they conduct research, provide training, and publish resources to promote the adoption of IPM throughout California. Key research topics include urban IPM, organic herbicides, bait-only cockroach management programs, bedbugs, rodent and coyote management in the wildland-urban interface, red imported fire ants, and municipal IPM. The Urban IPM Advisors are often the first source for the latest IPM research and education for real-world pest management strategies.

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The IPM Program at Anaheim Union High School District

This program has exemplified a districtwide dedication to practicing safe and effective IPM practices and serves as a model for implementing IPM programs in schools. In 2017, Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) created and hired an IPM Technician position, Rich Kravetz, to reduce pesticide use and implement IPM strategies across 21 schoolsites in the district. The IPM Program focuses on adopting non-chemical and innovative programs such as raptor perches installed at multiple campuses to encourage raptors that can help manage landscape rodents. The district fosters communication between staff, regularly discussing IPM goals and providing education about addressing pest issues. The IPM Program at AUHSD has significantly reduced the use of insecticides and eliminated the use of rodenticides.

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California Invasive Plant Council

This program provides science-based tools and resources to control invasive weeds in California. The California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) recently published the *Best Management Practices for Non-Chemical Weed Control* manual and released an interactive online tool called WeedCUT that helps users make informed decisions about managing weeds without using chemicals. Cal-IPC promotes IPM education by offering online trainings and encourages resource sharing by coordinating a yearly symposium and publishing an ongoing newsletter. They are a trusted and forward-thinking resource for IPM best practices for land managers and all Californians.

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Metropolitan Golf Links

This golf course, located next to the San Francisco Bay, stands out as an IPM leader among California golf courses. By minimizing the use of pesticides, they have focused on non-chemical strategies to prevent weeds and plant diseases and eliminated the use of rodenticides. They promote conservation and co-existence with the local environment by building pollinator sites and allowing flowering weeds that promote honeybee populations. Metropolitan Golf Links is a recognized environmental steward and IPM leader in the golf course industry.

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Pisoni Family Vineyards

This high-end winegrape grower in the Santa Lucia Highlands is a leader in sustainable vineyard practices. The vineyard puts sustainability at the forefront of their organization, and continually develops and implements new IPM practices to support this vision. They conduct extensive outreach efforts, including on-farm tours in a developed insectary, which highlight the importance of working with the native landscape. The vineyard is actively working to improve pest management strategies and share its successes with others.

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Thank you to the 2021 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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