



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
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**IPM TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Oct. 1, 2009  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**MINUTES**

1. **How Green is [GreenPro](#), the New Certification for Structural Pest Control Operators**, Chris Geiger, SF Environment.
  - a. GreenPro evolved from two existing IPM pest management certification companies- Ecowise, and Green Shield.
  - b. GreenPro certified companies are audited once within the first year and on-site at least once every five years by a national third-party audit firm that conducts on-site evaluations and reports back to the independent advisory committee.
2. **[Sustainable Parks Information Network \(SPIN\)](#)**, Bob Fiorello, Park Manager, SF Recreation & Parks Dept.
  - a. There are very few online videos on best practices for parks (e.g., weed management, water conservation, reducing waste). Therefore, many parks staff reinvent the wheel.
  - b. Attendees agreed to:
    - i. Participate in SPIN's new social network and submit videos.
    - ii. Write a letter of support for SPIN.
3. **Pigeon Management: Barriers? Contraceptives? Hot pepper goo?**, Luis Agurto, Pestec.
  - a. Pestec has tried these following methods:
    - i. **Ovocontrol**- it has been hard to get pigeons to eat the birth control as often as necessary for the birth control to work. More time is needed to reach conclusion on its efficacy.
    - ii. **Piginx**- Pestec just started using this capsaicin (red pepper extract goo) product.
    - iii. **Barrier methods**- netting works best. Electrically charged strips also work well.
4. Summary of the SF IPM Idea Olympics Strategic Planning Event, 9/10/09.
5. Group Problem-Solving on IPM issues in City-owned landscapes & buildings.