

DATE: January 23, 2026

TO: IPM Commission Members

FROM: Jim Chayka, IPM Coordinator

Re: 2025 Fourth Quarter Exemptions and Violations Summary

MESSAGE:

Exemptions

On 10/6/25, an exemption was issued for PureSpray Green.

Plan to Preclude Future Use: This work is in conjunction with non-chemical weed management methods such as weed whipping, mulching, and hand-pulling weeds. Due to the particularly hazardous nature of this particular site, future use will remain a possibility.

Location of Use: Civic Center interior landscapes

Reason why Restricted: This product is not currently on our allowed products list.

Reason for Need: The civic center contains large gardens, which are currently being targeted by insects such as mealybugs, aphids, and thrips. This product is designed to smother the larvae of these insects, preventing them from piercing and sucking the liquid out of our interior landscapes. We do not anticipate that this product has the potential for any unpleasant odor, or impacts to human health should contact occur.

Plan to Preclude Future Use: In 2026, we will add this product to the allowed products list, after which it will no longer require an exemption. Assuming we find the product to be effective, and due to the particularly low toxicity of this product upon contact, and lower % of inert (aka unidentified) ingredients compared to the current horticultural oil on our list, we are happy to be able to offer this as an option for our staff moving forward.

Time Period Needed: Through March of 2026, after which point the allowed products list should be approved by the board of supervisors.

On 11/20/25, an exemption was issued for Flumigard

Location of Use: Sir Francis Drake Medians

Reason why Restricted: This product is not currently on our allowed products list.

Reason for Need: In order to maintain safety and visibility in the medians of Sir Francis Drake Blvd, weed control is required. In order to reduce the total time that workers are exposed to traffic in a very narrow and busy street median, we propose the use of this product.

Flumioxazin is a pre-emergent herbicide that prevents plants from growing. It can also kill seedlings under 2 inches tall. This product is proposed as a replacement for the pre-emergent Specticle-Flo, recently removed from the 2025 Allowed Products list. This product is more effective, significantly more cost effective, and approved for use closer to aquatic environments compared to Specticle-Flo.

Plan to Preclude Future Use: This work is in conjunction with non-chemical weed management methods such as weed whipping, mulching, and hand-pulling weeds. Due to the particularly hazardous nature of this particular site, future use will remain a possibility. Possible second application in spring and/or late winter of 2026.

On 11/20/25, an exemption was issued for Tri-Fol

Reason why Restricted: This product is not currently on our allowed products list.

Reason for Need: In order to maintain safety and visibility in the medians of Sir Francis Drake Blvd, weed control is required. In order to reduce the total time that workers are exposed to traffic in a very narrow and busy street median, we propose the use of this product.

Tri-fol acts as a pH buffer, essentially lowering the pH of herbicides that require a low pH to be effective. These herbicides are typically mixed with water, which can have variable pH depending on the water source. Applicators would test the pH of the water used for mixing, and then apply the appropriate amount of Tri-fol in order to guarantee the mix water is below a pH of 6.

Violations:

There were **no violations** to the Marin County IPM Policy in the fourth quarter of 2025.