

**Non-Chemical IPM Management & Practices
Through the 1st Quarter of 2026**

Month	Staff Labor Hours	Volunteer Hours	Contractor Labor Hours	Total Hours
<i>January</i>	897	992	904	2793
<i>February</i>	964	865	727	2556
<i>March</i>	1126	940	1026	3092

What does Non-Chemical IPM Methods mean?

Weed whipping, mulch installation, turf aeration and renovation, gopher and ground squirrel control, hand weeding, flaming, irrigation repair and adjustments to prevent weed growth, flail mowing, sheet mulching, pruning diseased branches, trash removal to prevent rodent pests, and many more tasks that support the County IPM program that do not include applying pesticides.

Below: Volunteers use multiple non-chemical methods in the first quarter of 2026, including (in order): weed wrenches to remove massive French Broom plants, trash cleanup to prevent rodents and insect pests, and mulching to suppress weed seedlings.

