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From: paul sargeant <paul@sargeantcreative.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:49 AM
To: COB_Response
Cc: dan@danslater.com; Foley, Katrina
Subject: RE: Agenda Item S10A – Support for a YES Vote

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to vote **YES on Agenda Item S10A.**

This item represents an important opportunity for Orange County to take a thoughtful and responsible approach toward modernizing vegetation management practices and evaluating alternatives to herbicide use. A YES vote does not predetermine an outcome; rather, it allows County staff the time and resources necessary to conduct the due diligence, research, and analysis needed to identify the most effective and environmentally responsible path forward.

Herbicide use is no longer a healthy and acceptable form of vegetation control. It poisons EVERYTHING including helpful native plants, birds and their nests, and fish such as the steelhead trout.

Many counties throughout California, including Los Angeles County and San Diego County, have already begun modernizing their land management practices and exploring approaches that better align with the requirements and intent of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Orange County deserves the same opportunity to evaluate current practices, review emerging science, and consider alternatives that may better protect sensitive habitats, waterways, wildlife, and public health.

Our residents deserve a County government that is willing to learn, adapt, and pursue continuous improvement. By supporting this item, you will empower staff to gather the information necessary to help Orange County do better and be better for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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From: Shari Dalal <shari_dalal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:05 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Support Agenda Item S10A – Reduce Herbicide Use in Orange County
Attachments: IMG_0175.jpeg; allen hummer.jpeg; 6E0E5FF1-30B3-490C-96B3-084D5BFB8764.jpeg

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

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This item presents an important opportunity for Orange County to evaluate current vegetation management practices and explore alternatives to herbicide use. A YES vote does not predetermine an outcome; rather, it provides County staff with the time and resources necessary to conduct research, assess available science, and identify the most effective and environmentally responsible path forward.

As a wildlife photographer and conservation advocate, I have spent countless hours observing and documenting wildlife throughout Orange County's remaining natural areas. Over the years, I have witnessed a troubling decline in biodiversity as habitat is lost and fragmented. Native plants form the foundation of healthy ecosystems, supporting pollinators, birds, mammals, and countless other species. Protecting and restoring these natural systems is essential if we hope to preserve Orange County's wildlife for future generations.

As habitat loss continues throughout Orange County, wildlife faces increasing challenges to survival. Herbicide use can further impact sensitive ecosystems, pollinators, waterways, and native plant communities that many species depend upon. Reviewing current practices and considering alternative approaches is a responsible step toward protecting biodiversity while continuing to meet land management needs.

Counties across California have already begun modernizing their vegetation management programs and exploring practices that better align with the goals of the California Endangered Species Act and the Federal Endangered Species Act. Orange County should have the same opportunity to review emerging science and determine whether improvements can be made to better safeguard wildlife, public health, and natural resources.

A YES vote on S10A is a vote for science, transparency, and informed decision-making. It allows the County to fully evaluate the costs, benefits, and effectiveness of available options before making future policy decisions.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the residents, wildlife, and natural landscapes of Orange County.

Sincerely,
Shari Dalal
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Creek Team Supporter

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From: Doris Mattingly <dori.mattingly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:03 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Item S10a

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To the board of supervisors,

I'm a resident in Hunting Beach, and strongly urge a **YES vote on Item S10A.**

The fact that toxic herbicides have been used so widely by the county is not only shocking but incomprehensible. Actually shameful. How could anyone justify this or consider it safe to any environment, so disrespectful of nature and the residents.

Please listen to the concerned citizens, and do the **right** thing - Orange County should approve S10A so that they can immediately begin to adopt safer practices that will still protect our waterways and the public health.

thank you for listening
respectfully,
Doris Mattingly

Guillen, Dora

From: Nate Headrick <nate.headrick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:14 AM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on Item S10A (Phasing Out Pesticide Use in County Waterways)

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Dear Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong support of Agenda Item S10A, which includes directing the County to develop a formal plan to phase out herbicide use, requiring public notification of any herbicide application during the transition period, and implementing additional measures that improve accountability and regulatory compliance in the management of County waterways.

Herbicides applied to waterways can harm or kill non-target organisms such as fish, amphibians, native plants, and aquatic invertebrates, disrupting food webs and degrading healthy ecosystems. Human exposure to certain herbicides has also been associated with serious health concerns, including cancer, neurological effects, and developmental issues, particularly for communities located near areas with frequent chemical application.

As a resident of Orange County, I care deeply about the health, beauty, and long-term stewardship of our local waterways and watersheds. Our creeks, wetlands, and flood control channels have the potential to function as living natural systems that support biodiversity, improve water quality, strengthen watershed resilience, and enrich the daily experience of the surrounding community. I believe these areas should be managed in ways that restore the ecological and visual character of our creeks while thoughtfully retaining, slowing, and recharging water within the landscape wherever feasible.

Through restoration strategies that work with natural processes, I see an opportunity to create healthier and more resilient riparian corridors that foster a deeper connection to the landscapes that sustain our communities. Ultimately, I hope to see these waterways restored as vibrant and welcoming places where ecological health, recreation, education, and long-term environmental stewardship naturally coexist.

I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to support this agenda item and move forward with a plan to phase out herbicide use in County waterways. Doing so will help identify the most effective, environmentally responsible, and sustainable path forward for managing these landscapes while protecting public health, wildlife, and water quality for future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: Connie Martin <cmar324@sbcglobal.net>
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A YES vote on S10A is a vote for knowledge, transparency, science and informed decision-making. It gives our County the ability to fully examine the best available options, assess costs

and benefits, and develop strategies that reflect modern environmental stewardship while continuing to meet operational needs.

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Thank you for your consideration and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Connie Martin

Lake Forest

Creek Team Supporter