

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: maddogoc (null) <maddogoc@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 12:55 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on Item S10A (Phasing Out Pesticide Use in County Waterways)

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

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 other items that improve the accountability and compliance of the County with regulatory agencies.

Pesticides and 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 pesticides has also been associated with serious health concerns, including cancer, neurological effects, and developmental problems, particularly for communities living near areas with frequent pesticide use.

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

Sincerely,
Mark A Davis
Santa Ana
92706

Sent from my iPhone

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Scott Thomas <scott.thomas@seaandsage.org>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 12:27 PM
To: COB_Response; COB_Response
Subject: Sea and Sage Support S10A
Attachments: SAS Support Support for S10A 06-08-26.docx

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Dear Supervisors,

Please find the attached Sea and Sage Audubon Society support letter for ietm S10A

Thank You

Sea and Sage Audubon



*Sea and
Sage Audubon*

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Orange County Board of Supervisors

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Santa Ana, CA 92701

June 08, 2026

By email to comments@cob.oc.gov COB.Response@cob.oc.gov

Subject: Support for agenda item S10A, Flood Control Channels

Dear Supervisors:

Sea and Sage Audubon Society is the Orange County chapter of the National Audubon Society, organized for over a century to protect birds and bird habitats. We have over 3,500 dues-paying members here in Orange County. We support agenda item S10 A, a request to Orange County Flood Control to develop a stormwater channel maintenance program that minimizes the use of chemical herbicides to control weedy vegetation.

As residents of Orange County, we understand that our rivers and creeks provide important protection for homes, businesses, and human life, as well as supporting critical habitat for wildlife, including birds. We know that alternative (non-chemical) means of vegetation control, based on timely best management practices, can protect habitats and achieve successful flood control.

A balanced approach must be found that allows Orange County's waterways to perform their flood control function (primarily during the winter-rainy season) and still support high-quality habitats for wildlife, including nesting birds (primarily after the rainy season).

Due to our expertise in local bird populations, Sea and Sage would be happy to serve as an advisory partner in the development of a new channel management program. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions or need any assistance.

*Sea & Sage Audubon Society's mission is to protect birds, other wildlife,
and their habitats through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy.*

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Sincerely,

Susan Sheakley, Chair, Conservation Committee (949) 552-5974

Vic Liepzig, Chair, Legislation and Advocacy (714) 330-3558

Scott Thomas, Vicechair, Conservation Committee (949) 293-2915

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From: Shari Dalal <shari_dalal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 12:00 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Support Agenda Item S10A – Reduce Herbicide Use in Orange County

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 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
Tustin
Creek Team Supporter

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Becky Bryant <becky@hallmark1.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 1:09 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Agenda Item S10A

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,
I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item S10A and efforts to phase out the use of herbicides and pesticides in our communities.

Reducing reliance on these chemicals is an important step toward protecting our creeks, waterways, beaches, and ocean ecosystems. Herbicides and pesticides can enter stormwater runoff, harming aquatic life, pollinators, wildlife, and potentially impacting public health.

I encourage the Board to adopt safer, sustainable land management practices that protect our environment while maintaining public spaces. Phasing out toxic chemical use demonstrates leadership in safeguarding our natural resources for current and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and for taking action to protect Orange County's waterways, wildlife, and coastal environment.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Bryant
Capistrano Beach, CA

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Eugenia Park <eugenia888@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 1:08 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on Item S10A (Phasing Out Pesticide Use in County Waterways)

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Pesticides and 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 pesticides has also been associated with serious health concerns, including cancer, neurological effects, and developmental problems, particularly for communities living near areas with frequent pesticide use.

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

Sincerely,
Eugenia Lee
Chino, CA 91708
(Neighboring county resident because all of our waters are connected)

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Jayson Ruth <jruth@hbuhds.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 1:05 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on Item S10A (Phasing Out Pesticide Use in County Waterways)

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

Sincerely,
Jayson Ruth
Huntington Beach

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Wendy Morris <beachwendy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 1:42 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: S10A

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

Please pass S10A to protect people and wildlife from herbicides.
We need to keep our waterways, waters and land free from this danger.
Thank you,
Wendy Morris
Resident of San Clemente

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Stefan Jeremias <stefanjeremias@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 1:58 PM
To: COB_Response
Cc: COB_Response
Subject: RE: Agenda Item S10A – Support for a YES Vote

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June 2026

Orange County Board of Supervisors

RE: Agenda Item S10A – Support for a YES Vote

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.

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.

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.

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,
Stefan Jeremias
Costa Mesa
Creek Team Supporter

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: surfrac1 <surfrac1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 2:15 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on Item S10A - end herbicide use in waterways

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OC Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support of Agenda Item S10A to phase out herbicide use and improve accountability and compliance of the County with regulatory agencies.

Pesticides and herbicides applied to waterways are directly against the use policy of herbicides (as indicated on the labels and during herbicide use trainings) 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 pesticides has also been associated with serious health concerns, including cancer, neurological effects, and developmental problems, particularly for communities living near areas with frequent pesticide use.

In addition, I want to address the cost concerns affiliated with manual removal of vegetation. Firstly, according to the army core of engineers, only woody vegetation needs to be addressed. Ending herbicide use will improve natural ecosystems, these effects will reduce vector control costs. As rodents and mosquito populations will be naturally controlled as part of a healthy ecosystem. Cost reductions will also be experienced in reduced localized temperatures around creek areas. Restoration of OC creeks will be a boon for housing, businesses, and tourists who will visit these areas because of their beautification and wildlife viewing opportunities. In San Juan Capistrano, we have already seen this with increasing swallow populations, who consume mosquitoes and improve tourism being such an iconic animal to the SJC mission. Resident health effect improvements are vast: such as cleaner aquifer/drinking water and cleaner water at the creek/ocean interface thanks to restored natural phyto-filtration. And the undeniable cost of human health impacts that include our startlingly growing cancer rate in Orange County that is increasingly being linked to herbicide bioaccumulation in local residents. If this egregious application of known carcinogens is not addressed, lawsuits should be accounted among the cost of voting no on S10A.

I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to support this agenda item and move forward with a plan to phase out pesticide use in and near county waterways. I urge the County to identify the most effective, environmentally responsible, and sustainable path forward for managing waterways to protect public health, wildlife, and water quality.

Best regards,
- Rachael Wendel