

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Joel Robinson <jrobinson@naturalist-for-you.org>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 2:45 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,
Joel Robinson
Orange
92869

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Aerie Halvarson <teamgoodkarma@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 3:04 PM
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Sincerely,

Aerie Youn
Lake Forest 92630

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Heather Rapozo <aquamermama@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 3:15 PM
To: COB_Response
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I care about this issue because my family and I live very close to San Juan Creek. We frequent the beaches often and I have a small child. I do not want to constantly question whether our water, sand, and air are safe to play/swim and enjoy.
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Sincerely,
Heather Rapozo
San Juan Capistrano
92675*

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From: Eddie Anaya <eanaya@surfrider.org>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 3:21 PM
To: COB_Response
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Sincerely,
Eddie Anaya
Laguna Niguel
92677

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From: audri geary <audrigeary@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 3:30 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on item S10A

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My family and myself Surf at Doheny and along the Orange County Coast. This is where we play and where we bond. We need a safe environment as we raise our children in our local area. Please stop spreading toxic poison to our environment into our area.

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Sincerely,
Audri Geary
Marina Hills Laguna Niguel
92677

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From: Michael Rotcher <rotchermichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 3:40 PM
To: COB_Response
Cc: COB_Response
Subject: 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,
Michael Rotcher

**Mission Viejo
Creek Team Supporter**