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Dear Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

Please find the attached comment letter from Surfrider Foundation's North and South Orange County Chapters in support of Agenda Item S94E, which directs Orange County Public Works to develop public noticing requirements for any proposed herbicide or pesticide application.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with County leadership on reducing herbicide use in our waterways.

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22 June 2026

Subject: Support for Agenda Item S94E (Public Notification Requirement for Herbicide Application)

Dear Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in **strong support of Agenda Item S94E**, which directs Orange County Public Works to develop public notice requirements for proposed herbicide or pesticide applications in Orange County's waterways.

Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves, and beaches, for all people, through a powerful activist network. Our grassroots chapters lead community stewardship projects and policy campaigns to advance our mission. In Orange County, the North Orange County and South Orange County chapters represent 6,300 members who are passionate about protecting clean water and healthy coastal ecosystems.

Public notification of herbicide application is a critical component of transparent and accountable environmental management. Orange County residents and visitors, including recreational users of creekside trails, beaches, and the ocean, have a right to know when and where they may be exposed to herbicides or pesticides. Advance notification should include clear signage posted both upstream and downstream of the application area at least 24 hours prior to treatment, the date range of scheduled treatment, information on what chemicals are being applied and the purpose of the application, and contact information for County staff who can address questions or concerns from the public.

Providing timely, accessible notice will improve transparency, protect public health, and ensure community members are informed about activities near public recreation areas and homes. We appreciate the Board's leadership in advancing greater transparency and public engagement on this issue and respectfully **urge your support for Agenda Item S94E**.

Sincerely,

North Orange County Chapter
Surfrider Foundation

South Orange County Chapter
Surfrider Foundation



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Kathryn Dressendorfer
Ocean Friendly Gardens Program Manager
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