

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Alyssa Petelo <alyssapetelo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 11:59 PM
To: COB_Response
Cc: Michaela Coats
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 a lifelong Huntington Beach resident expressing my firm support of Agenda Item S10A, which requires the County to plan and implement the phasing out of herbicide use, mandate public notification of pesticide use, and strengthen the regulations that protect public health and maintain transparency of the County's environmental impacts.

As both a concerned resident and an environmental professional, I care deeply about protecting our citizens and finding safe and environmentally-friendly ways to manage pests. Pesticides are a harmful threat to each living thing that comes into contact with them: fish, amphibians, plants, humans, and everything in between. Furthermore, research has established a strong connection between pesticide exposure and serious health concerns, such as cancer. We simply cannot afford to take shortcuts with so much at stake, including the health of our biodiverse ecosystems, the quality of our very limited water resources here in California, and the wellbeing of our neighbors.

I have cared about this issue deeply since I was in middle school. My mother passed away from cancer the summer after I finished sixth grade, and this event led me to research environmental causes that may have led to her terminal diagnosis. While it's famously hard to prove causation, it is very much possible that exposure to pesticides played a role. Since then, I've made the choice to avoid consuming foods produced using pesticides when possible. Without proper regulation, residents do not have a choice. Walking outside into our environment should not leave us vulnerable to risks without our knowledge and consent.

I spent several months at a nonprofit working as an environmental educator, where I taught students of all ages how to garden in their school communities and at home. Our curriculum emphasized sustainable pest management practices without the use of herbicides or insecticides, and that is what the next generation deserves. Spaces individuals can exist in without the constant worry of negative health impacts; places they can observe rich and diverse wildlife in their habitats. The county has an incredible opportunity to integrate sustainable practices on a county-wide scale and develop positive solutions for pest management in OC.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to support Agenda Item S10A and begin development of the plan to terminate the use of pesticides in our waterways, prioritizing responsible strategies to ensure the health and safety of our ecosystems, wildlife, and residents.

Thank You,

Alyssa Petelo
Huntington Beach
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Alyssa Petelo

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Esquivel, Alessandra

From: carolsem1009@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 11:35 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote yes on Item S10A

Importance: High

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Vote YES on Item S10A

Dear Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong support of Agenda Item S10A. I am appalled to find out that Orange County Public Works (OCPW) and its contractors have been spraying herbicides, including **glyphosate**, in San Juan Creek and other waterways in Orange County. Several California municipalities have completely banned or strictly restricted the use of glyphosate-based weed killers on city-owned property, parks, and public spaces. Bayer has phased out the sale of glyphosate products for the residential lawn and garden market.

Pesticides and herbicides applied to waterways can harm or kill 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.

Our children are at a great risk of harm from these chemicals. For many individuals it is too late, but for our children, vote with your conscience.

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,

Carol Semelroth

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Laguna Woods, CA 92637

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Debbie Salahi <debbiesalahi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 11:10 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Vote YES on Item S10A

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Our children are at a great risk of harm from these chemicals. Parkinson's disease is widely recognized by medical experts and major organizations as the fastest-growing neurological and neurodegenerative disease in the world and the environmental toxins may be part of the problem.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Salahi

24341 Toponas Court

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Irene Dunlap <zoomittome@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 9:41 PM
To: COB_Response
Cc: COB_Response
Subject: Yes on S10A

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Orange County Board of Supervisors

RE: Agenda Item S10A – Support for a YES Vote

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

Sincerely,
Irene Dunlap
Newport Beach
Creek Team Supporter

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From: Bob Greenberg Wildlife <photobobg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 9:39 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Support for S10A

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Please support this item, we need to protect our natural resources that are under so much pressure! Thank you.

Robert Greenberg
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Newport Coast

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From: Sandra Trinidad <tsandra1@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely,
Sandra Trinidad
Rancho Santa Margarita
Creek Team Supporter

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From: Pam Hurley <hurleynelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 8:48 PM
To: COB_Response
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Sincerely,
Pam Hurley
Mission Viejo
Creek Team Supporter

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From: Tracy Burns <tracymburns@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 8:20 PM
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Sincerely,
Tracy Burns

Costa Mesa
Creek Team Supporter

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From: Tom Southern <tomsouthern@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 6:47 PM
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Sincerely,
Tom southern
San Juan capistrano
Creek Team Supporter

Sent from my iPhone

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: luke schmick <luke.a.schmick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 6:33 PM
To: COB_Response
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Sincerely,

Luke Schmick
Laguna Niguel
Creek Team Supporter

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From: Sherry <pmcvay@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 6:29 PM
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Sincerely,
Sherry McVay
Laguna Niguel
Creek Team Supporter

Sent from my iPhone

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Erin <emcvay16@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 6:27 PM
To: COB_Response
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Subject: Agenda Item S10A – Support for a YES Vote

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Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Bonnie Frisch <bfrisch808@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 5:54 PM
To: COB_Response
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Sincerely,
Bonnie Frisch

Mission Viejo
Creek Team Supporter

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Jeff Mayer <jeffmayerjpj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 5:52 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: RE: Agenda Item S10A – Support for a YES Vote

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Jeff Mayer
jeffmayerjpj@gmail.com
(714) 580-4227

Esquivel, Alessandra

From: Thor Johnson <thorericjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 5:34 PM
To: COB_Response; COB_Response
Subject: Attached letter of support for Creek Team
Attachments: Creek Team.pdf

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Attached

June 8, 2026

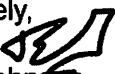
Dear Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully urge your support for the Creek Team and its efforts to protect Orange County's waterways through environmentally responsible stewardship practices, including the elimination of harmful herbicide use in and around our creeks. I have been a resident of the City of San Clemente for the past 12 years and regularly enjoy our coastal resources as both a swimmer and surfer. Because I spend time in the ocean on a weekly basis, particularly near the mouth of San Juan Creek and the beaches adjacent to it, I have become increasingly concerned about the potential impacts that herbicides and other chemical pollutants may have on water quality, marine ecosystems, and public health.

In addition to being a resident, I currently serve as Chairman of the San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission. Through this role, I have seen firsthand how important our natural resources are to the quality of life, economy, and identity of our coastal communities. The health of San Juan Creek directly affects the health of our beaches and nearshore waters. As Orange County continues to prioritize environmental sustainability and public health, I believe we should be investing in creek management practices that minimize chemical use and instead emphasize restoration, habitat enhancement, and safer alternatives for vegetation management.

The concerns surrounding herbicide use are not merely theoretical. Many local residents, surfers, and swimmers have shared stories of becoming seriously ill after recreating in waters near Doheny State Beach and other areas influenced by creek discharge. One close friend of mine was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and strongly believes that long-term environmental exposure to herbicides may have contributed to his condition. While individual experiences do not establish scientific causation, they underscore the need for a precautionary approach when managing our waterways. I respectfully ask the Board to support the Creek Team, expand investment in non-chemical vegetation management strategies, and work toward eliminating harmful herbicide use in Orange County's creeks and waterways. Future generations deserve clean water, healthy ecosystems, and safe recreational opportunities along our coast.

Sincerely,


Thor Johnson

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From: Allan Sander <ajphototales@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 5:36 PM
To: COB_Response
Subject: Agenda item S10A

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Hello, this is Allan Sander. Like many Orange County citizens, I enjoy interacting with our native habitats. Altering or attempting to control the cycles of our natural world is costly and unnecessary. Finding a balance to coexist is mutually beneficial. The use of herbicides is a harsh response when trying to control the environment. Please take the time to evaluate current practices and find alternatives for herbicide application. I have been given the support of our community to voice in favor of Agenda item S10A. I urge you to do the same.

Thank you,

Allan Sander

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From: Helen Maurer <7gables@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2026 5:30 PM
To: COB_Response
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I am familiar with the areas along the San Juan and Trabuco Creeks that have been subject to such spraying, and I know where they run into the Pacific. I am not happy with the spraying. But I also understand your--and the public's--concerns about flood control. I simply feel that there must be a better way to do it--and we ought to be smart enough and concerned enough about the world we all live in--to figure it out. As Americans, we all to some extent have accepted the mythology that we can meet all challenges. Well, let's do it!

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Mission Viejo
Creek Team Supporter

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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,
Luke Schmick

Laguna Niguel
Creek Team Supporter

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From: Rita Robinson <organicmrita@gmail.com>
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Hello OC Supervisors,
Please support Agenda Item S10A. I live in Orange near Santiago Hills neighborhood Park, where no chemicals are used for landscaping needs. The park is full of life. Children and pets play on the grass carefree.

I also urge you to ban rodenticide, which slowly paralyzes rodents and makes them easy prey for our native wildlife such as owls and other natural rodent control. They eat the poison as they consume the poison animal and pass it up the food chain, dying along the way. There are better ways than slow and painful poisoning, including electrocution. It's pain-free and quick and much more humanitarian for the rodents.

"We remained calm and called upon our ancestors. We knew when the time came, we could become the change." ~ Native Wisdom

Ahimsa,

Rita

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"Given this Earth on which we live and grow, given its beauty and generosity, its majesty and comfort, how can one doubt that one is loved? That, in fact, there is an abundance, not a scarcity of love? It is all anyone ever wants, really, I believe, and it is all around us while we starve." ~ Alice Walker