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**Subject:** Opposition to Item 69

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

This letter is to inform you of The Creek Team's vehement opposition to Item 69 being adopted at your upcoming BOS meeting on Tuesday, May 19th.

Item 69 is a bloated handout to the stormwater industry. It includes contracts with TWELVE different contractors; with contracts so broad in their authorizations that the same companies that may write the work order or environmental opinion could also perform the labor required by said opinion. This lack of specificity is unacceptable and enables OC Public Works to continue to operate in the shadows without public scrutiny that is needed now more than ever.

To add insult to injury, Item 69 includes a \$1.5 million contract with DUDEK, the company that the Supervisors recently called unethical in its actions within our creeks and rivers. The Dudek contract is incredibly broad. It authorizes Dudek to do a myriad types of studies, consulting, and worst of all, it allows DUDEK to spray herbicide! This is absolutely unacceptable.

We were told that all work with DUDEK would be stopped.

The Creek Team urges a NO vote on item 69. Shoving through twelve contracts totaling \$18 million is how OCPW found themselves misleading not only the public, but the Board of Supervisors as well on the scale and scope of their ecocide campaign. Furthermore, Justin Gollither, a key architect of the County's herbicide program, is the lead contact for Item 69. Justin Gollither should not be allowed to continue to write contracts with a track record of wasting public resources, violating the Endangered Species Act, and obliterating the public's trust with OC Public Works.

Should Item 69 be approved, we will educate the public of the obvious contradictions of your recent statements regarding OCPW actions and what Item 69 authorizes.

We URGE a no vote from all five Supervisors.

Very Respectfully,

Bethany Nelms  
The Creek Team