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Hayes, Kathy

From: Colin Fiske <colin.fiske@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Madrone, Steve
Cc: COB
Subject: Proposed Resolution Opposing Herbicide Application

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Supervisors,

CRTP appreciates the resolution proposed by Supervisors Madrone and Wilson opposing application of herbicides on county land, and on private land without landowner consent. While herbicides are not a primary focus area of CRTP's work, we are concerned about the possible exposure of vulnerable road users - namely, people walking, biking and rolling, who do not have the luxury of an air-tight vehicle to protect them from drifting chemicals. The risk may be further heightened for certain groups such as young children and manual wheelchair users, who are more likely to have direct or indirect contact with vegetation and/or the ground.

Therefore, we strongly support the proposed resolution. We also ask that the Board of Supervisors clarify that the resolution applies not only to county-owned land, but also to county-maintained rights-of-way, and explicitly acknowledge the risk of herbicide exposure for users of county streets and roads.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Colin Fiske (he/him)
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Hayes, Kathy

From: Idiane <Idiane@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: October 25_Board Resolution_Herbicides

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Please pass my request to include circumstantial exceptions to herbicide use in the resolution to the Board members.

Thank you.

Lisa D. Hoover

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October 17, 2022

Dear Members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

PG&E's plan to spray herbicides around power poles on private properties in Humboldt County is a serious threat to air and water quality, to the health of humans and domestic animals, to wildlife and fisheries and to the economic well-being of small businesses and landowners.

PGE says it will get permission from property owners before spraying. This is not "informed consent", because the information given out by the regulating agencies is biased, stating that these chemicals are perfectly safe as applied. Substantial scientific evidence disputes these claims. Much needs to be done to inform the public about the real dangers of these toxic sprays and their rights to say NO to this project.

In late September, the U.S. District Court ruled that the EPA failed to appropriately consider the cancer risks to human health and the impacts to Endangered Species of Roundup (glyphosate) and must withdraw its assessment in support of registration and do it over. The other two herbicides proposed by PG&E for use come with labels citing health hazards and persistence in the environment: "Esplanade 200SC", (Indaziflam) and "Milestone" (Aminopyrolid). Included also will be "Liberate Adjuvant" a surfactant, which adds to the persistence and penetration into soils in the environment.

It's not clear how much notice or posting, if any, will be given, or how PGE will determine which power poles require spraying and how often they will return to spray again. Since PG&E plans to mechanically clear around poles and acknowledges that spraying afterwards does not prevent vegetation from growing back, why spray at all? This project has the potential to pit neighbor against neighbor, as many poles occur on property boundaries where drift, volatilization and runoff from spraying can be expected.

It's been at least forty-five years since citizens in Humboldt, Trinity and Mendocino Counties and throughout the United States had to organize to fight back against the aerial bombardment of Agent Orange (2,4,5-T and 2,4-D) on our forests and communities and suffer a toxic legacy of miscarriages, birth defects, illnesses and death. Can we finally say NO to the industrial chemical industry and its "economic poisons" treadmill?

Please take a stand on behalf of Humboldt County residents and act to stop PG&E from implementing its herbicide spray plans.

Sincerely,

Ilene Mandelbaum
Steve Barager
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From: Caroline Griffith <carolinenecmail@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Madrone, Steve
Cc: COB
Subject: Comment on agenda item H1

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Dear Supervisors,

The Northcoast Environmental Center strongly supports the proposed resolution against the spraying of herbicides on County property (and would like to politely point out that the word herbicide is misspelled in the title of said resolution).

The potential harms of spraying herbicides outweigh the benefits, something that the County of Humboldt seems to have realized decades ago when it began the de-facto banning of herbicide spraying with the Board's unanimous 1997 request of Caltrans to stop spraying along highways in County jurisdiction areas. It's time to codify that practice and give residents the peace of mind of knowing that they don't have to fight this battle each time an agency or corporation decides to cut corners in the name of vegetation management. Not only do herbicides persist in the environment, threaten human and animal health, and have the potential to contaminate and cause economic damage to neighboring organic farms (food and cannabis), but they are also often not the most effective method of controlling vegetation. This resolution, and the ordinance that will follow it, give the County (with public input) the opportunity to explore and advocate for more effective and less harmful methods of vegetation management. Thank you for bringing this forward.

Our only suggestion is that you amend the resolution to state that the BOS "Opposes the use of herbicides on private property without the express written consent of landowners *and written notification of tenants*" in recognition that renters also deserve the opportunity to weigh in on herbicide spraying in their vicinity.

Thank you,
Caroline

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Caroline Griffith (she/they)

Executive Director and EcoNews Editor

The Northcoast Environmental Center sits in Goudi'ni, part of the unceded ancestral land of the Wiyot peoples. We strive to follow the example of the Indigenous peoples of the north coast who continue to steward this land as they have done since time immemorial. We pledge to listen to, learn from, respect, and include the voices of Indigenous peoples in our work advocating for the wellbeing of this land and the people who call it home. Join us in acknowledging and respecting the sovereignty of the Wiyot Tribe by participating in the Wiyot Honor Tax, or supporting the tribe upon whose land you reside.

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From: Sequoyah Faulk <SequoyahFaulk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 4:55 PM
To: COB
Subject: RE: PG&E Herbicide Spraying Opposition Resolution

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Dear members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sequoyah Faulk-Kellogg and I am a member of the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors. I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the spraying of herbicides around power poles by PG&E.

The runoff from these toxic herbicides will affect the private property of my constituents and there is no way to reasonably control or predict where that contamination might spread. Obtaining consent from one property owner is not sufficient to protect the potential impact on adjacent properties.

This spraying is unnecessary and will cause more harm than good in our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,

Sequoyah Faulk-Kellogg
MCSD Board

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From: Lynn McCulloch <senora@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 9:04 PM
To: COB
Subject: Oppose Herbicide Spraying on County-Owned Lands & on Private Property.....

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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

Please receive my opposition to Herbicide Spraying on County-Owned Lands & on Private Property with out express written consent of the landowner. Our county of Humboldt does not need toxic spraying ANYWHERE! Do not allow PGE or any other entity to renew spraying to keep vegetation under control enough to meet fire & safety requirements. It is time to pass a formal "NO HERBICIDE SPRAY" policy for Humboldt County.

Thank you,

Lynn McCulloch

Humboldt County resident & landowner

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Barbara Burns <blisshiker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 6:03 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: No-Spray Herbicide resolution

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Greetings Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

I am writing to express my concerns about spraying of herbicides in Humboldt County, and everywhere for that matter. I am informed that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 25, and will consider a resolution to oppose herbicide spraying on county-owned lands and on private property without express written consent of the landowner.

I would like to voice my request, for the record, that an Ordinance be written and approved by the Supervisors to prohibit the use of herbicides on county-owned lands and rights of way, and on private property where access and/or herbicide spraying is denied. With regard to permission to spray if "no feasible alternative exists," I would request that the Board mandate that the conditions by which permission to spray would if be allowable if "no feasible alternative exists," be explicitly determined and identified, and herbicide spraying not proceed without recommendation by an oversight investigating committee and subsequent approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for considering my concerns about the dangers of and dishonor to the Earth of herbicide spraying.

Respectfully,
Karpani Burns
Arcata
707-502-9716

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Hayes, Kathy

From: erik peters <erikpeterso@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 4:14 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Peaticides

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Hi,

I want to encourage the Board of Supervisors to pass the resolution to oppose herbicide spraying on county-owned lands and on private property without express written consent of the landowner. There are safe and practical alternatives.

Thank you,
Erik Peterson
Eureka, CA

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Hayes, Kathy

From: Wendy Ring <wring123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Public comment on Herbicide Resolution

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I strongly support the resolution to prevent herbicide spraying on county land, roadsides and private land without the owners' permission. We are in the midst of a mass extinction that threatens human civilization, and the EPA has found that common herbicides such as glyphosate and atrazine threaten thousands of endangered species.

To quote Professor Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University: "When humanity exterminates other creatures, it is sawing off the limb on which it is sitting, destroying working parts of our own life-support system."

Please vote yes on this resolution.

Wendy Ring MD, MPH

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Ed & Anna Bernard <eabern@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Madrone, Steve
Subject: Humboldt County's NO HERBICIDE SPRAY

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To:
Kathy Hayes
Rex Bohn
Michelle Bushnell
Mike Wilson
Virginia Bass
Steve Madrone

From:
Anna Bernard
Arcata, CA

Please vote stop Herbicide spraying in Humboldt County.
This practice impacts people, plants, animals, insects, air, water, soil, just about everything in the chain of life.
We live in a remote area that should be "clean", not "contaminated".

Thank you!

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Public Comment



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October 22nd, 2022

Public Comment in support of Resolution 22-1392

Resolution Opposing Application of Herbicides on County Lands at Any Time or Without County Consent and on Private Lands Without Landowner Consent (Supervisor Steve Madrone and Supervisor Mike Wilson)

As owners of Sandy Bar Ranch in Orleans, CA we'd like to publicly acknowledge our opposition to any herbicide spraying on our property and along Ishi Pishi Rd adjacent to our property. As previous owners of a certified fruit tree nursery and current owners of an organically managed orchard and garden we oppose all use of herbicides in our area.

The use of herbicides without the consent of local residents and landowners is an insult to the long term efforts by the community to manage invasive weeds without the use of toxic chemicals. The Salmon River Restoration Council and the Mid Klamath Watershed Council (on whose Board of Directors we serve) have demonstrated the efficacy of community monitoring and hand pulling of invasive weeds, with broad community involvement and support.

We urge all our Supervisors to support this Resolution.

Blythe Reis
Mark DuPont
Owners Sandy Bar Ranch

Hayes, Kathy

From: Wilson, Mike
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 10:39 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Fwd: October 25_Board Resolution_Herbicides

Please share this comment with the board.

Thanks,

Mike Wilson P.E.
Humboldt County Supervisor, District 3
707.476.2393

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Idiane <Idiane@sonic.net>
Date: October 24, 2022 at 2:47:18 PM PDT
To: "Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Re: Fwd: October 25_Board Resolution_Herbicides

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Hi Mike,

Thank you.

In my work as Forest Botanist on the Six Rivers, I tried to do likewise as diffuse knapweed (Class A invasive), on the Trinity-Humboldt Co border was located along distinct segments of the South Fork Mtn road and FS roads going into Pilot Creek watershed. The adjacent grasslands and oak woodlands were not yet compromised by this species. Continued hand pulling was not sustainable as budgets would ebb and flow for any inventory and follow-up treatment. You miss a few years of treating such a species and the seed bank builds by the thousands. So judicious use of herbicides seemed to be the best tool with the best chance of sparing plant communities from subsequent spread and ecological down trends.

Again, thanks for your response.

Lisa

On 2022-10-24 14:26, Wilson, Mike wrote:

Thank you for this perspective.

With respect,

Mike Wilson P.E.
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From: "Hayes, Kathy" <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Date: October 24, 2022 at 1:46:25 PM PDT
To: "Bass, Virginia" <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bohn, Rex" <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bushnell, Michelle" <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Madrone, Steve" <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: "Damico, Tracy" <TDamico@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Eberhardt, Brooke" <BEberhardt@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Turner, Nicole" <nturner@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: FW: October 25_Board Resolution_Herbicides

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Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

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From: Patt Jones <patt.jones@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 6:41 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: For All County Supervisors: Please pass No Herbicide Spray Resolution on Oct 25

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I have lived in Humboldt County for 39 years. The County successfully banned use of herbicides on public property years ago. Please don't succumb to pressures by PG&E and other entities regarding this issue. I am married to a semi-retired physician. We both urge you to vote against herbicide spraying.

Thank you for your service,
Patricia Jones (& Ronald Jones), Fortuna

Hayes, Kathy

From: Beverly Hanly <bevhanly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 11:39 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Fwd: Oppose PGE herbicide spray anywhere in Humboldt County

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From: **Beverly Hanly** <bevhanly@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 24, 2022 at 11:34 PM
Subject: Oppose PGE herbicide spray anywhere in Humboldt County
To: <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Dear Steve Madrone,

As your constituent in Westhaven, I'm alarmed by recent news of PG&E's intention to spray weed killer around power poles. I urge you to work with your colleagues to pass a resolution to oppose spraying on public and private property. I join Northcoast Environmental Center, EPIC, and my neighbors who worry that these toxic chemicals leaching into our community water systems are too dangerous to human health.

From information that others have gathered, the chemicals involved include the carcinogenic herbicide Roundup along with other, lesser-known weed killers—all highly toxic to the environment. Even if PG&E asks permission of private property owners, that is not really informed consent if they claim that the chemicals are safe.

PG&E can mechanically clear around poles and spraying does not prevent vegetation from growing back. They might even create some local contract jobs for manual labor to assist their crews. So, why spray?

According to different sources of information there are some milestones to finding alternatives to chemical herbicides.

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- A suspension by County agencies of the formerly intense use of herbicides on County properties began in 1987 and is still in place 35 years later.
- Caltrans first halted spraying of herbicides in Humboldt County in 1989 and has not broadcast herbicides on roadsides in Humboldt County for 33 years.
- PG&E stopped its use of herbicides to clear around the base of power poles throughout Humboldt County in 2002, and for 20 years has successfully used alternative vegetation control methods.

For decades Humboldt County, Caltrans and PG&E have demonstrated that herbicides are not needed to keep vegetation under control enough to meet fire and safety requirements. Let's don't go backwards.

Please help Humboldt County finally and formally refuse to allow any company to use chemicals instead of manual means to control unwanted or dangerous vegetation. There is no need for citizens to suffer a toxic legacy of health risks for PG&E's convenience.

I understand that the Board of Supervisors will provide a link to virtually attend the meeting on October 25 to consider this matter. I'll be attending if the link is available.

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of those of us who live in your district, and representing our voices and concerns.

Best regards,

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