



RESUME USE OF GLYPHOSATE BY CITY DEPARTMENTS ON CITY OWNED SITES

Community & Economic Development

City Council

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GLYPHOSATE USE

1. Systemic herbicides versus non-systemic herbicides;
2. Use of glyphosate by City departments:
 - a) Public Works
 - b) Parks, Recreation and Community Services
 - c) Riverside Public Utilities
 - d) General Services
 - e) Successor Agency & Housing Authority
3. Public health and safety for applicators.



DISCUSSION – USE OF ALTERNATIVES

1. Alternative weed abatement methods used during moratorium:
 - a) Contact herbicides
 - b) Organic herbicides
 - c) Manual weeding
2. Outcomes: alternative methods require more frequent applications, are more costly, require more labor, are less effective, and require increased re-entry times.

DISCUSSION – WEED ABATEMENT CHALLENGES



DISCUSSION – COST DIFFERENCES

Department	Est. Annual Savings if Resume Use of Glyphosate
General Services	>\$ 32,100
Riverside Public Utilities	>\$ 60,000
Parks & Recreation	>\$ 16,380
Public Works	>\$100,000
Housing Authority	> \$ 7,272
Successor Agency	> \$ 6,790
Estimated Savings, Annually	>\$222,542

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve ending the temporary moratorium on the use of glyphosate-based products and allow for the resumption of their use for weed control on City-maintained properties and facilities.