

# **RESUME USE OF GLYPHOSATE BY CITY DEPARTMENTS ON CITY OWNED SITES**

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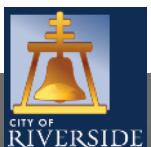
## **Community & Economic Development**

City Council

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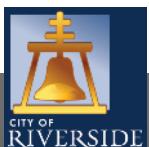
# GLYPHOSATE USE

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.

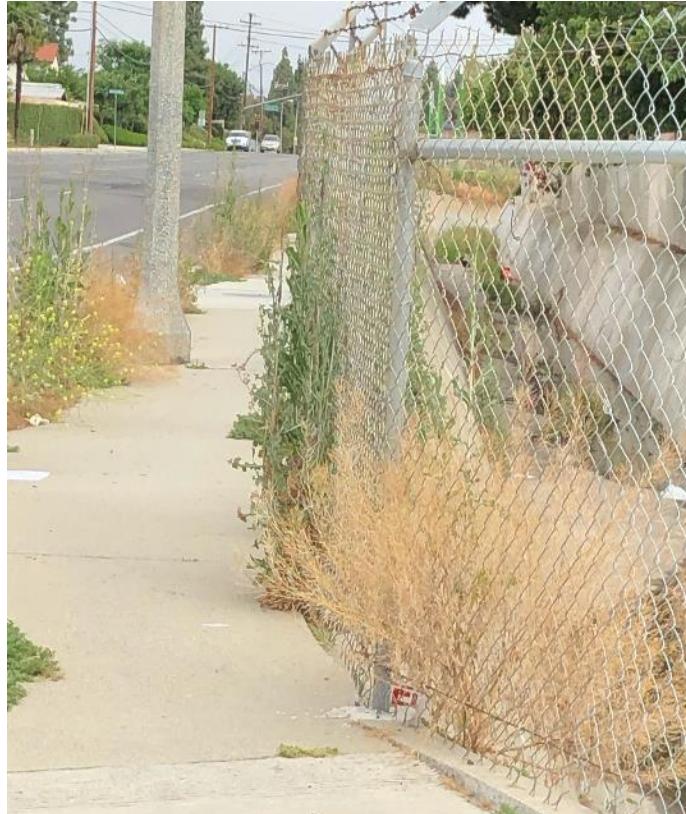


# DISCUSSION – USE OF ALTERNATIVES

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.

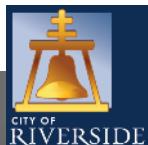


# DISCUSSION – WEED ABATEMENT CHALLENGES



# 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
<b>Estimated Savings, Annually</b>	<b>&gt;\$222,542</b>



# 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.

