



RECOMMEND USE OF GLYPHOSATE FOR WEED CONTROL BY CITY DEPARTMENTS

Community & Economic Development

Land Use, Sustainability and Resiliency Committee
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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
3. Public health and safety for applicators



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DISCUSSION – USE OF ALTERNATIVES

1. Alternative weed abatement methods used during moratorium
 - a) Contact herbicides
 - b) Organic herbicides
 - c) Manual weeding
2. Alternative methods require more frequent applications and alternative materials are more costly



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DISCUSSION – WEED ABATEMENT CHALLENGES



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DISCUSSION – COST DIFFERENCES

Department	Est. Annual Savings if Resume Use of Glyphosate
General Services	\$ 3,000+
Riverside Public Utilities	\$60,000
Parks & Recreation	\$ 4,000+
Public Works	\$100,000+
Estimated Savings, Annually	\$167,000+



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee recommend to City Council that staff be able to resume the use of glyphosate products for weed control on City-maintained properties and facilities.



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