

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 07- 187

July 16, 2019

**RESOLUTION ON PHASE-OUT OF GLYPHOSATE USE
FOR MAINTENANCE OF DEVELOPED PARK AREAS**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) has long been committed to minimizing the use of herbicides and pesticides on Park District owned and managed parks that could adversely affect public or employee health; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Park District authorized an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy and practices to review and regulate pest control activities, requiring that pesticides and herbicides are used only as a last resort, and only after physical, cultural and biological pest controls are used first; and

WHEREAS, the Park District's IPM policy states that the Park District "will strive to implement an integrated pest management program which eliminates the use of chemicals as much as feasible whenever alternative methods are effective;" and

WHEREAS, the Park District already does not use products containing glyphosate near playgrounds or drinking fountains located in its regional parks; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Park District implemented a pilot program to further reduce the use of glyphosate in developed areas of its parklands through the use of organic and manual methods for weed control; and

WHEREAS, by the end of 2018, implementation of the pilot program resulted in a two-thirds (66%) reduction in the Park District's use of glyphosate for park maintenance; and

WHEREAS, glyphosate was listed by the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment as a chemical known to cause cancer in July 2017; and

WHEREAS, to address concerns about potential health, safety and welfare impacts of glyphosate, the Park District desires to phase out the use of glyphosate for park maintenance practices in all Developed Areas of regional parks, as defined by the Park District's *Ordinance 38: Rules and Regulations, Sections 417 and 801.2*; and

WHEREAS, the Park District desires to conduct a full analysis of its IPM practices to take advantage of new technologies, new procedures, and best practices related to chemical-free pest management approaches; and

WHEREAS, the Park District intends to continue to expand its use of alternative methods for weed control, including design elements, specialized equipment, organic and manual methods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to address concerns about the potential impacts of glyphosate on the health, safety and welfare of employees and the public, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby:

1. Directs the General Manager to continue the Park District's practice of not using products containing glyphosate near any playgrounds or drinking fountains; and
2. Commends the General Manager for reducing the use of glyphosate for park maintenance by 66% since 2016; and
3. Directs the General Manager to immediately ban the use of glyphosate in all picnic areas; and
4. Directs the General Manager to further these reductions until the use of glyphosate is eliminated for maintenance of Developed Areas of parks by the end of 2020; and
5. Directs the General Manager to develop an implementation plan for the elimination of products containing glyphosate for maintenance of Developed Areas of parks, including:
 - a. A recommendation for expansion of park maintenance practices that provide an alternative to glyphosate use, including weed abatement by design solutions, the use of efficient equipment, and organic and manual methods for weed control; and
 - b. An analysis of the estimated fiscal impacts associated with the elimination of glyphosate for park maintenance, including costs for labor and equipment required to increase the use of alternative methods for weed control; and
 - c. An analysis of any potential impacts to current service levels in park maintenance associated with alternative methods for weed control; and
 - d. A requirement to report at least annually to the Board of Directors on reductions in glyphosate use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to further enhance the health, safety and welfare of employees and the public, and to ensure that the Park District continues to be a leader in safe and sustainable IPM practices, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Directs the General Manager to conduct a study of the Park District's IPM policy and practices to maximize transparency of the Park District's IPM practices; and
2. Directs the General Manager to include in the study identification of opportunities to further reduce the use of conventional pesticides on Park District lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director Waespi, seconded by Director Rosario, and adopted this 16th day of July 2019, by the following vote:

FOR: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Dennis Waespi,
Ayn Wieskamp.
AGAINST: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Whitney Dotson.


Board President

CERTIFICATION

I, Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-07-187 adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on July 16, 2019.

