

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

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.

