



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

December 1, 2021

Agenda No.: A.

Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: Tourism Implementation Task Force

Legislative File: 15194-21

Title

Consideration and Possible Action on County Use of Glyphosate

Recommended Action

I move that the Tourism Imp. Task Force [support / not support] the ESB's action on the County's pesticide use.

Or:

I move that the Tourism Imp. Task Force Chair and Staff Liaison send a letter to Council about their support / non-support of the ESB recommendation on the County's pesticide use.

Or:

I move that the Tourism Imp. Task Force take no action on this item.

Body

The Environmental Sustainability Board has been investigating the County use of pesticides-in particular, pesticides with glyphosate. The ESB heard a Pesticide presentation from Dina Pesenson at the September 16, 2021 ESB meeting and a presentation by County staff on pesticide use in the County at their October meeting. These presentations are shown in Attachment A and B.

The following action was taken by the Environmental Sustainability Board on October 21, 2021 (minutes in Attachment C):

A motion was made by Member Lui, seconded by Chair Loechell that ESB approve and recommend to County Council the amended motion.

1. Require pesticide application information (including area to be sprayed and product) to be posted in one designated County website location 72 hours in advance whenever possible or within 24 hours of each application and for at least six months after application including the Department of Agriculture Pesticide Application record for the particular application.
2. Stop use of any herbicide containing Glyphosate on County land.
3. Prioritize and support expansion of Integrative Pest Management efforts by relevant departments to continue to actively decrease the amount and frequency of chemical use on County land.

It was requested that the Tourism Imp. Task Force examine this issue from the tourism perspective and decide whether to support this ESB recommendation. Several possible actions are listed for the Task Force or another action could be considered.

Attachments

A - Pesticide Presentation (ESB)

B - Pesticide Use in Los Alamos County Presentation
C - Oct. 21, 2021 ESB Meeting Minutes