City and County of San Francisco
Department of the Environment

Notice of Annual Public Hearing Regarding Pest Management Activities on City Properties
(San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 3, Section 310)

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference

As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and the Mayor’s 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020, emergency proclamation, this meeting will be held remotely without providing a physical location. Members of the public may observe the meeting and provide public comment online.

Please see the information on pages 2-3 for remote meeting access.

AUTHORIZATION
San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 3, Section 310

San Francisco City staff have been national leaders in integrated pest management (IPM) since the City passed its Integrated Pest Management Ordinance in 1996. The Ordinance governs the way pests are managed on all City properties but does not apply to private property. Specifically, the law applies to any City staff or contractors managing unwanted insects, rodents, birds, weeds, or other organisms for buildings and landscapes that are owned by the City, even if in other counties, or leased from the City (with leases signed after 1996), such as golf courses or vendors at San Francisco International Airport.

The San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 3, Section 310, calls for a noticed public meeting at least once a year to consider issues on matters related to pest management activities on City property, including the use of certain pesticides. City departments are to explain any exemptions they were granted from the City’s pesticide requirements, as well as any uses of “most restricted” pesticides.

Important Information

In accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom’s statewide order for all residents to “Stay at Home” – and the numerous local and state proclamations, orders, and supplemental directions – aggressive directives have been issued to slow down and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Copies of explanatory documents are available at (1) the Department website at sfenvironment.org and (2) upon request to the Commission Affairs Officer at (415) 355-3709 or via e-mail at kyle.wehner@sfgov.org.

If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials are available for public inspection with request sent to the Commission Affairs officer, at (415) 355-3709, or via e-mail at kyle.wehner@sfgov.org during normal
office hours or will be made available on the website http://www.sfenvironment.org/article/city-staff/pest-management#meetings.

During the hearing, members of the public will have the opportunity to comment about individual agenda items or speak generally about pest management activities on City properties and properties leased by the City, including those activities affecting weeds, rodents, insects, mammals, birds, and aquatic plants. Persons unable to attend the hearing may submit to the Department of the Environment, by the time the hearing begins, written comments. These comments will be made a part of the official public record and shall be brought to the attention of the Department. Any written comments should be sent to: Shoba Iyer, 1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the hearing. Comments that cannot be delivered by that time may be sent via e-mail to shoba.iyer@sfgov.org.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Public comment will be taken on each agenda item.

1. Call to Order.


3. Presentation by Representatives from City departments that Requested Pesticide Exemptions or Used Pesticides on the “Most Restricted” List in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Speakers: Shoba Iyer, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, San Francisco Department of the Environment; San Francisco International Airport; San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks; San Francisco Department of Public Works; San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Pestec; Treasure Island Development Authority (Explanatory Documents: Staff Memo and Summary of Pesticide Use Exemptions Granted for San Francisco City Operations) (Informational Presentation and Discussion Only)

4. General Public Comment. Members of the public may speak on matters that are relevant to pest management on City properties, or properties leased from the City, but are not on today’s agenda.

5. Adjournment.

Remote Access to Information and Participation
This meeting will be held remotely using video conferencing, through the WebEx Meetings platform, and by telephone for members of the public who are unable to attend using computers or smart devices.

Attending the Meeting: Watch or Listen
Members of the public have the following options for attending the meeting:

Option 1: Watch the meeting using a computer or smart device by clicking on the following link:

https://ccsf.webex.com/ccsf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e075824a4e1274057876abd49fb1e9e7f
If you are able to and would like to watch via your computer, please follow these instructions: (i) Click on the link above; (ii) Enter your first name, last name, and email address if desired; (iii) Click “Join by Browser” (directly beneath the “Join Now” button).

If you are able to watch via your smart mobile device: (i) Download the WebEx Meetings application; (ii) Click on the link above; (iii) Click “Join”; (iv) Enter your name and email; (v) Click “Ready to Join.”

Option 2: Join the meeting by phone if you do not have access to a computer or smart device.

Dial: **415-655-0001** and then enter the Access Code: **2498 581 1618**

**Participating During Public Comment**
Members of the public will have opportunities to participate during public comment. The public is asked to wait for the particular agenda item before making a comment on that item. Comments will be addressed in the order they are received. When the moderator announces that public comment will begin, members of the public can:

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- Participate over the phone by pressing *3 (this step is very important, as it will activate the “Raise Hand” icon in the Participant window).

Depending on the number of people also in line ahead of you, you may have to wait before it is your opportunity to speak. When it is your turn, you will be notified that your line has been unmuted, and it will be your opportunity to speak. Your line will be muted again when your allotted time expires.

Copies of explanatory documents are available (1) on the Commission’s website http://www.sfenvironment.org/commission; and (2) upon request to the Commission Affairs Officer, at (415) 355-3709, or via e-mail at kyle.wehner@sfgov.org.

**Important Information**
The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

**NOTE:** Persons unable to attend the meeting may submit to the Department of the Environment, by the time the proceedings begin, written comments regarding the agenda items above. These comments will be made a part of the official public record. These comments will be made a part of the official public record and shall be brought to the attention of the Department. Any written comments should be sent to: Shoba Iyer, 1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the hearing. Comments that cannot be delivered by that time may be sent via e-mail to shoba.iyer@sfgov.org.

**Public Comment**
Public comment will be taken on each item before or during consideration of the item. Each member of the public may address the hearing for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the hearing officer. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the hearing officer may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.
Disability Access
To obtain a disability-related accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, or to obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please contact Kyle Wehner at (415) 355-3709. Providing at least 72 hours’ notice will help to ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are available for public inspection and are available online at https://sfenvironment.org/environment-commission.

The following services are available on request 72 hours prior to the meeting; except for Monday meetings, for which the deadline shall be 4:00 p.m. of the last business day of the preceding week: For American sign language interpreters or the use of a reader during a meeting, a sound enhancement system, and/or alternative formats of the agenda and minutes, please contact Kyle Wehner at (415) 355-3709 to make arrangements for the accommodation. Late requests will be honored, if possible.

Language Access
Per the Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code), Chinese, Spanish and or Filipino (Tagalog) interpreters will be available upon requests. Meeting Minutes may be translated, if requested, after they have been adopted by the Commission. Assistance in additional languages may be honored whenever possible. To request assistance with these services please contact the Commission Affairs Officer at (415) 355-3709 or kyle.wehner@sfgov.org at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Late requests will be honored if possible.

Follow your Rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code)
Government’s duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people’s business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people’s review. For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, City Hall, Room 244, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4683 at Phone No.: (415) 554-7724; Fax No.: (415) 554-5163; E-mail: sotf@sfgov.org. Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City’s website at www.sfgov.org.

**Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements**

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code §2.100, et. seq] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at: 25 Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100, fax (415) 252-3112, web site at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

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