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**Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List
(San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 3, Section 310)**

WHEN: Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

A public hearing will be held on December 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 regarding the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

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 & 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 Reduced Risk Pesticide List is maintained and updated annually by San Francisco's IPM Program, which includes the Department of the Environment and other City department stakeholders. These pesticide products may only be used as a last resort after other, non-chemical management options have been exhausted, and in keeping with limitations listed. The List is only appropriate for City staff or contractors managing pests on City property. It is not relevant to US Green Building Council LEED requirements, which are described elsewhere. Each product on the list has been: (1) Screened using the SF Pesticide Hazard Screening Protocol; (2) Reviewed by the SF IPM Technical Advisory Committee (IPM TAC). The IPM TAC is convened by the Department of the Environment and is composed of City IPM Coordinators, contractors, IPM specialists from non-City agencies, and other interested parties. Each year, the TAC considers product hazards, potential for exposure, data gaps, and existence of safer alternatives before placing products on the List; (3) Presented at a public hearing; (4) Approved by the Commission on the Environment.

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 reduced-risk pesticides.

Important Information

Copies of explanatory documents are available at (1) the Department of the Environment (Department), 1455 Market Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, California, 94103 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Photo identification is required for entry to the building. (2) on the Department's website <http://www.sfenvironment.org/article/city-staff/pest-management#meetings>; (3) upon request at telephone number 415-355-3709, or via e-mail at anthony.e.valdez@sfgov.org within three business days of the hearing.

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 at the Department of the Environment, 1455 Market Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94103 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: Chris Geiger, 1455 Market Street, Suite 1200, 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 taken directly to the hearing at the location above. When bringing handouts to hearing, please photocopy on both sides of the paper and try to use post-consumer recycled or tree-free paper.

NOTE: order of agenda items subject to change and hearing may adjourn before or after the stated time.

Hearing Officer: Anthony Valdez
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to order

2) Introduction of the purpose of the hearing (For discussion only)

- Public Comment

3) Presentation by representatives from City departments that requested pesticide exemptions or used pesticides on the "most restricted" list in 2017. (Informational presentation and discussion only) Speakers: Chris Geiger, Toxics Reduction and IPM Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment; Deanna Noonan, Environmental Specialist, San Francisco International Airport; James Brassil, Landscape Supervisor, San Francisco International Airport; Kevin Woolen, Integrated Pest Management Specialist, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department; Luis Agurto, President, Pestec; Donald Thomas, Integrated Pest Management Specialist, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Kevin Woolen, Integrated Pest Management Specialist, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Deshelia Mixon, Integrated Pest Management Specialist, San Francisco Public Works (Explanatory Document: Attachment A: Summary of pesticide exemptions for 2017)

- Public Comment

4) **Presentation of Draft 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List, including proposed revisions to restrictions on herbicides.** (Informational presentation and discussion only) Speaker: Chris Geiger, Toxics Reduction and IPM Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Documents: Attachment B: Draft 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List and Attachment C: Summary of Major Changes to 2017 Restrictions on Most-Hazardous Herbicides)

- Public Comment

5) 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.

6) Adjourn

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Summary of Pesticide Exemptions for 2017
- B. Draft 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List
- C. Summary of major changes to "2017 Restrictions on Most-Hazardous Herbicides"

Announcement

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

Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may speak on items of interest that are relevant to pest management on city properties but are not on today's agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda 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.

The Brown Act forbids the Department from taking action or discussing any item or issue not appearing on the posted agenda. This rule applies to issues raised in public comment as well. In response to public comment, not on an agenda item, the Department is limited to:

1. Briefly responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public, or
2. Request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting, or
3. Directing staff to place the item or issue on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a).)

Disability Access

The hearing will be held at City Hall in the Civic Center Area. The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. The closest accessible BART station is the Civic Center Station at United Nations Plaza and Market Street. Accessible MUNI lines serving this location are: #71 Haight/Noriega

and the F Line to Market and Van Ness and the Metro Stations at Van Ness and Market and at Civic Center. For information about MUNI accessible services call (415) 923-6142. There is accessible curbside parking adjacent to City Hall on Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue and in the vicinity of the Veterans Building at 401 Van Ness Avenue adjacent to Davies Hall and the War Memorial Complex.

In order to assist the City's efforts to accommodate persons with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity or related disabilities, attendees at public meetings are reminded that other attendees may be sensitive to various chemical based products. Please help the City accommodate these individuals. Individuals with chemical sensitivity or related disabilities should call the Mayor's Office on Disability at (415) 554-6789 or (415) 554-6799 (TTY) for additional information.

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 Anthony Valdez 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.. Assistance in additional languages may be honored whenever possible. To request assistance with these services please contact the Commission Affairs Manager at 415-355-3709, or anthony.e.valdez@sfgov.org at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Late requests will be honored if possible.

語言服務

根據語言服務條例(三藩市行政法典第91章)·中文、西班牙語和/或菲律賓語(泰加洛語)傳譯人員在收到要求後將會提供傳譯服務。翻譯版本的會議記錄可在委員會通過後透過要求而提供。其他語言協助在可能的情況下也將可提供。上述的要求,請於會議前最少48小時致電 415-355-3709或電郵至 anthony.e.valdez@sfgov.org向委員會秘書提出。逾期提出的請求,若可能的話,亦會被考慮接納。

Acceso A Idioma

De acuerdo con la Ordenanza de Acceso a Idiomas "Language Access Ordinance" (Capítulo 91 del Código Administrativo de San Francisco "Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code") intérpretes de chino, español y/o filipino (tagalo) estarán disponibles de ser requeridos. Las minutas podrán ser traducidas, de ser requeridas, luego de ser aprobadas por la Comisión. La asistencia en idiomas adicionales se tomará en cuenta siempre que sea posible. Para solicitar asistencia con estos servicios favor comunicarse con el Secretario de la Comisión al 415-355-3709, o anthony.e.valdez@sfgov.org por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión. Las solicitudes tardías serán consideradas de ser posible.

Access Sa Wika

Ayon sa Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 ng San Francisco Administrative Code), maaaring mag-request ng mga tagapagsalin sa wikang Tsino, Espanyol, at/o Filipino (Tagalog). Kapag hiniling, ang mga kaganapan ng miting ay maaring isalin sa ibang wika matapos ito ay aprobahan ng komisyon. Maari din magkaroon ng tulong sa ibang wika. Sa mga ganitong uri ng kahilingan, mangyaring tumawag sa Clerk ng Commission sa 415-355-

3709, o anthony.e.valdez@sfgov.org sa hindi bababa sa 48 oras bago mag miting. Kung maari, ang mga late na hiling ay posibleng pagbibigyan.

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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, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, 415-554-7724 (phone), 415-554-5163 (fax) or by email to 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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