

ACTION ALERT! The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will consider a Resolution at its Tuesday, October 25, 2022 meeting to oppose herbicide spraying on county-owned lands and on private property without express written consent of the landowner. County staff will be asked to seek public input and develop an Ordinance to prohibit the use of herbicides on county-owned lands and right of ways unless no feasible alternative exists and is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

What to do: Voice your support of the Resolution by:

- Attending the Board of Supervisors meeting, either virtually or in-person on October 25,
- Calling or emailing Supervisors in advance of the meeting, and
- Inviting others to join the effort to support this Resolution and spread this action alert.

What's happened: [News of utility giant PG&E's plan](#) to resume herbicide spraying on public and private parcels throughout Humboldt County was leaked on a Friday in early October with application to begin the following Monday. Chemicals involved include the infamous carcinogenic herbicide Roundup mixed with other, lesser-known weed killers—all highly toxic to the environment.

Immediate and intense community opposition sparked the need for the County to clarify its position on herbicides. A Resolution to that end was developed and will be proposed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 25th.

It is past time for Humboldt County to formalize its NO HERBICIDE SPRAY policy

A suspension by County agencies of the formerly intense use of herbicides on County properties began in 1987 and is still in place THIRTY-FIVE YEARS later.

Caltrans first halted spraying of herbicides in Humboldt County in 1989 and, other than a limited retry in 1996, has not broadcast herbicides on roadsides in Humboldt County for THIRTY-THREE YEARS.

PG&E stopped its use of herbicides to clear around the base of power poles throughout Humboldt County in 2002, and for TWENTY YEARS has successfully used alternative vegetation control methods.

For decades Humboldt County, Caltrans and PG&E have demonstrated that herbicides are not needed to keep vegetation under control enough to meet fire and safety requirements.

Achievements like these have come about only when people from throughout Humboldt County raise their voices to oppose dangerous herbicide spraying. Join the action now if you haven't already!

The Board of Supervisors will meet Tuesday, October 25 at 9 am at the County Courthouse, 825 5th St, Eureka. Attend in person or virtually, more information will be available on the [agenda posted here](#).

Contact your supervisor:

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