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FROM PATTY MAYALL:

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From: "patty mayall"

Date: May 2, 2017 3:53 PM

Subject: Fwd: CPRA 04-7789 Records Request - Patty Mayall (Herbicide Spraying)

Greetings All,

Please consider being at this public event this Friday to voice your concerns about Caltrans' broadcast herbicide spraying in our county:

Java with Jerry Hill

May 5 @ 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Please join State Senator Jerry Hill for a cup of coffee and conversation at "Java with Jerry." Bring your ideas, questions, and concerns about legislative issues affecting the community. No RSVP or appointment necessary. Coffee will be provided at no taxpayer expense. View flyer

IndivisibleCoastside.com/event/java-with-jerry-hill/

Below is my letter to Senator Hill asking for his help to stop toxic spraying on our state highways. My Advisors and I decided to focus on Hwys. 84, 35, and 1 right now. In our efforts to end roadside spraying on our county roads, we did it one area at a time, and we thought we'd take this approach. We want to end this county-wide, and with Senator Hill's help and YOUR voices, it can be done.

Media will be at this event on Friday, so perhaps we can get some attention on this crucial issue. I was hoping to send you at least one story done about Hwy. 280, but no one covered it, despite 2 weeks of calls, emails, photos sent, and interest shown. Thank you to all of you who helped on that front, and if I missed any publicity out there, please let me know. And please help us get some on Friday ! Bring your No Spray signs....(download free signs on our website).

Thank you to all posting No Spray signs along your properties. Caltrans is not answering our questions, so keep them posted, and continue to let them and Senator Hill know your concerns. See my email below for their email addresses (contact info also on our website). Please continue to share this information with your neighbors, friends, post it on group sites, etc.

Keep the pressure ON and we WILL change this!

With gratitude,
Patty Mayall

Director, Protect Our Watershed San Mateo County

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From: patty mayall
Date: Tue, May 2, 2017 at 2:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: CPRA 04-7789 Records Request - Patty Mayall (Herbicide Spraying)
To: Senator Jerry Hill <senator.hill@senate.ca.gov>, Joan Dentler <joan.dentler@sen.ca.gov>
Cc: Bijan Sartipi <bijan.sartipi@dot.ca.gov>, Robert Haus <Robert.haus@dot.ca.gov>

Dear Senator Hill,

With your help, we can end one source of toxic pollution to our lives and our watershed areas by ending broadcast herbicide spraying along our state roadways in San Mateo County. On behalf of hundreds of people who have signed our petition and worked on this issue since 2006, I respectfully ask for your leadership to protect our water resources and public health. This is an urgent matter, as the records attached below show that Caltrans has already broadcast sprayed thousands of gallons of toxic chemicals* along Hwy. 280 from San Bruno to San Jose in January, February, and March with no public warnings.

Will you please submit a request to Caltrans to NOT broadcast spray herbicides along Hwys. 84, 35, and 1 ?

Caltrans has not replied to our repeated requests for their plans for spraying these roadways (March 7, 2017 which Ms. Dentler also received). Residents in my community have posted No Spray signs, and every year, we do not know when, where, or what toxins will be sprayed along our properties which include our private drinking water sources. Despite our county supervisors ending broadcast herbicide spraying along our county roads in 2012, this practice continues with Caltrans. People are confounded and angered with this inconsistency, and it is time to leave this toxic method of vegetation management in the past, as many other areas have done successfully.

As Caltrans' own studies on roadside vegetation management have shown, mowing and cutting is most effective for safety, visibility and fire prevention. We are willing to help Caltrans with invasive weed management, as many people have been doing this work in our local communities. We will do much more to help IF Caltrans agrees to end the toxic broadcast spraying.

There are so many forms of pollution that we cannot control, yet this is one that we can, with your help.

With gratitude and appreciation for your time and work,

Patty Mayall
Director, Protect Our Watershed San Mateo County

Chemicals used : Accord XRT II (Glyphosate), Activator 90, Dimension Ultra 40WP, Gallery 75 DF, and Milestone, more information attached below.

*Recent news on Glyphosate, carcinogenic chemical that Caltrans uses :

www.ecowatch.com/monsanto-california-ruling-roundup-2310904321.html

*Caltrans & the State Water Board "Protect Every Drop" 2016 (HOW is this consistent with potential chemical contamination of our watershed with broadcast spraying?) :

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKghUvDbzBI&feature=youtu.be

Chemicals Caltrans broadcast sprayed on Hwy 280:

Caltrans records for broadcast spraying on Hwy 280:

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