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August 30, 2013

Linda Irokawa-Otani, Regulations Coordinator
Department of Pesticide Regulation
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812-4015

Dear Ms. Irokawa-Otani:

**RE: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action
CA DPR Regulation No. 13-002**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Notice 13-002 regarding impacts of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGAR).

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority has cited high levels of secondary poisoning in the local Whittier habitat area resulting from exposure to rodents treated with SGAR. The Authority identified death and disease from SGAR in the local wildlife predator population, including bobcats, hawks, and coyotes.

On August 13, 2013, the Whittier City Council adopted a resolution establishing a voluntary ban on the purchase, sale, and use of SGAR in Whittier. The City Council made the finding that pets and wildlife may also become sick or die from ingesting SGAR directly or due to secondary exposure after consuming the dead or dying rodents. The Council resolution urges businesses in Whittier to no longer use or sell SGAR, urges all property owners to cease purchasing or using SGAR on their properties in Whittier, and commits the City of Whittier to not use SGAR as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

The City of Whittier previously used SGAR at one park location, but has discontinued such use since the passage of the resolution, finding that continued use would adversely affect local habitats and wildlife.

City Council Resolution No. 8570 is enclosed. Please contact me at 562.567.9301 or jcollier@cityofwhittier.org for further information. We appreciate the attention of the DPR on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Collier
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 8570

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY BAN ON THE PURCHASE, SALE, AND USE OF SECOND GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES IN WHITTIER

WHEREAS, second generation anticoagulant rodenticides are poisonous bait products available to the public and used to combat infestations of rodents in business and residential properties;

WHEREAS, second generation anticoagulant rodenticides are used as bait, which the rodents ingest, causing lethal internal hemorrhaging; and

WHEREAS, pets and wildlife may also become sick or die from ingesting rodenticides directly or due to secondary exposure after consuming the dead or dying rodents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council urges businesses in Whittier to no longer use or sell second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, urges all property owners to cease purchasing or using second generation anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties in Whittier, and commits the City of Whittier to not use second generation anticoagulant rodenticides as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2013.


BOB HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KATHRYN A. MARSHALL
City Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF WHITTIER)
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 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

I, Kathryn A. Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer in and for the City of Whittier, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on the 13th day of August, 2013, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J.A. Vinatieri F. Dutra
 C. Warner R.L. Henderson
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: O. Newcomer

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Whittier, California, this

26th day of August 2013.

Kathryn A. Marshall
 KATHRYN A. MARSHALL
 City Clerk-Treasurer