



City and County of San Francisco
[Environment Department](#)

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

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.
Remote hearing via web conference

This hearing will be held remotely without providing a physical location. Members of the public may observe the hearing and provide public comment online. Please refer to the “Remote Access to Information and Participation” section below for instructions.

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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken on each agenda item.

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Presentation on Current Citywide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Initiatives and Pesticide Use Trends.** Speakers: Shoba Iyer, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, and Gabriel Hernandez, Integrated Pest Management Program Assistant, San Francisco Environment Department.
- 3. Presentation by Representatives from City Departments that Requested Pesticide Exemptions or Used Pesticides on the “Most Restricted” List in Calendar Year 2022.** Speakers: Shoba Iyer, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, and Gabriel Hernandez, Integrated Pest Management Program Assistant, San Francisco Environment Department; San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks; San Francisco Department of Public Works; San Francisco International Airport; Treasure Island Development Authority; and Pestec. Explanatory Documents: Staff Memo and Summary of Pesticide Use Exemptions Granted for San Francisco City Operations.

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 hearing will be held remotely using video conferencing, through the WebEx Webinars platform, and by telephone for members of the public who are unable to attend using computers or smart devices.

Attending the Hearing: Watch or Listen

Members of the public have the following options for attending the hearing:

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

<https://sfpublic.webex.com/sfpublic/j.php?MTID=m7f07820870a60db19fae71915d59bca0>

- 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 Webinars 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 hearing by phone if you do not have access to a computer or smart device.

- (i) Dial: **415-655-0001**; (ii) Enter the Access Code: **2661 043 4996**; (iii) Enter the Password: **SFGOV**.

Participating During Public Comment

Public comment will be taken on each item before or during consideration of the item. The public is asked to wait for the particular agenda item before making a comment on that 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 hearing. When the hearing officer announces that public comment will begin, members of the public can:

- 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 at <https://sfenvironment.org/environment-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

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. Materials related to items on this agenda are available for public inspection upon request sent to the Commission Affairs

officer at (415) 355-3709 or kyle.wehner@sfgov.org during normal office hours or will be made available on the Environment Department website at <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 Environment Department, 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.

Announcement

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.

Disability Access

To obtain a disability-related accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, or to obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please contact the Commission Affairs Officer at (415) 355-3709 or kyle.wehner@sfgov.org. 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 the Commission Affairs Officer at (415) 355-3709 or kyle.wehner@sfgov.org to make arrangements for the accommodation.

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 Officer at (415) 355-3709 or kyle.wehner@sfgov.org at least 72 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 kyle.wehner@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 kyle.wehner@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 ganitongu ri ng kahilingan, mangyaring tumawag sa Clerk ng Commission sa (415) 355-3709, o kyle.wehner@sfgov.org sa hindi bababa sa 48 oras bago mag miting. Kung maari, ang mga late na hiling ay posibleng pagbibigyan.

Know 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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