

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 12, 2014  
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER *HR For C.C.*  
**BY:** LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-1742; OPPOSING THE SALE, PURCHASE AND USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

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In recent months, the Environmental Responsibility Committee (Mayor Pro Tem Buckley-Weber, Councilmember Schwartz) has discussed with City staff, City opposition to the use of rodenticides throughout the City. The neighboring cities of Calabasas and Malibu have also passed similar resolutions opposing the sale and use of rodenticides in their communities. This request stems from concerns regarding secondary poisoning and killing of wildlife and domestic animals resulting from the use of anticoagulant rodenticides by home and business owners to combat the infestation of rodents on their property, and EPA continues to take action to cancel and remove from the consumer market 12 D-Con brand mouse and rat poison products for similar concerns. The products contain active ingredients that cause lethal internal hemorrhaging in the animals that ingest the poison. Unfortunately, pets or wildlife may also be killed by ingesting rodenticides, or may become sick or die due to secondary exposure from consuming the dead or dying rodents. Some animals in California that have been identified as victims of secondary rodenticide poisoning include numerous varieties of hawks, owls, and other scavenging birds, as well as predators such as foxes, coyotes, raccoons and skunks.

As there are numerous, less dangerous alternatives available to address the problem of rodent infestation, including non-anticoagulant products or traps, and encouragement of natural predators, the City's Environmental Responsibility Committee has requested the City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-1742 to urge businesses in Agoura Hills to no longer use or sell anticoagulant rodenticides, urge all property owners to cease purchasing or using the poisons on their properties in Agoura Hills, and to commit the City of Agoura Hills to not use anticoagulant rodenticides, where feasible, as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-1742; opposing the sale, purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides in the City of Agoura Hills.

Attachments: Resolution No. 14-1742  
CA. Department of Fish & Game – Rodenticides Information Sheet  
Controlling Rodents - USEPA  
Safe Rodent Control Resource Center - Rodent Control Information Sheet

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-1742**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SALE, PURCHASE AND USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS**

**WHEREAS**, anticoagulant rodenticides are poisonous bait products, available to the public, used to combat the infestation of rodents in business and residential properties.; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, neighboring communities, such as the cities of Calabasas and Malibu, have adopted similar resolutions opposing the sale, purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides in their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills hereby urges businesses in Agoura Hills to no longer use or sell anticoagulant rodenticides, urges all property owners to cease purchasing or using anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties in Agoura Hills, and commits the City of Agoura Hills to not use anticoagulant rodenticides, where feasible, as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: ( )  
NOES: ( )  
ABSENT: ( )  
ABSTAIN: ( )

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William D. Koehler, Mayor