

RESOLUTION 2008-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING THE LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH ERADICATION EFFORT, URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE THAT THE HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT ARE NOT IMPACTED BY THESE EFFORTS, AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO SHARE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH WITH THE STATE

WHEREAS, the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) is a pest subject to Federal and State quarantine and eradication orders; and

WHEREAS, there is a confirmed presence of LBAMs in Contra Costa County, including the City of El Cerrito as well as neighboring Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) established a LBAM quarantine area in 2007 which includes the City of El Cerrito and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture plans to conduct an LBAM aerial spraying program in Contra Costa County and surrounding areas in the summer of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the LBAM aerial spraying program includes aerial application of a pheromone-based pesticide; and

WHEREAS, the State has claimed an emergency exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in order to conduct the LBAM program without conducting environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture is conducting treatments prior to completion of the environmental review process that is underway for the long-term LBAM eradication program; and

WHEREAS, a number of residents have expressed concerns regarding the LBAM aerial spraying program including health, scientific, and efficacy issues; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of bills introduced in the State Legislature to address the LBAM program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito hereby expresses concern regarding the LBAM eradication effort because of the uncertain impacts on the health of the people and the environment.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito encourages the Governor or the State Legislature to ensure that actions by the various state departments and agencies involved in the LBAM eradication effort are necessary, appropriate, and do not compromise public health or the environment and that the Governor and/or the State Legislature requires these departments and agencies to take the steps necessary to ensure, in any future actions, that human health and environmental impact issues are appropriately evaluated and addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito encourages residents with opinions, questions, concerns or ideas regarding the State's LBAM eradication effort to contact the Governor and the State Agricultural Secretary.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on March 17, 2008, the El Cerrito City Council passed this resolution by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on March XX, 2008.

Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

APPROVED:

William C. Jones, III, Mayor