
MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

DISTRICT

**BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
PROTECTION AGAINST THE USE OF PESTICIDES
MEASURE E**

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

E Shall the Bolinas Community Public Utility District continue to take measures to protect against the use of pesticides, except those allowed in organic farming, within the Bolinas Community Public Utility District boundaries and in the Bolinas Lagoon and its watershed?

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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
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This Measure is advisory only. The Measure asks the voters of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District to adopt the language of the Measure as a policy of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District.

Dated: August 17, 2005

PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

West Marin is unique. Those who live here are stewards of a sensitive environment that includes national and state parks, open space, commercial organic farms, gardens, and large natural watersheds from which wetlands and streams drain into Pacific fishing grounds, coastal lagoons and reservoirs. This abundant ecosystem supports an array of aquatic, terrestrial and avian wildlife.

West Marin was annexed into the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District ("District") by a ballot mailed to property owners stressing "environmentally safe" and "natural" materials; the chemical pesticides that are part of the "program" were not addressed. The Prop 218 ballot process excluded votes of renters and multiple voters of recipient households.

Mosquito control is important because of the emergence of West Nile Virus in California, but relative to other illnesses or causes of death, WNV risk to humans is low. Preventive measures for controlling mosquitoes are effective and safe biologic treatments are available. Scientific research demonstrates that exposure to chemical pesticides can adversely affect the health of humans and all living organisms, and creates far more long term health risks than short term benefits.

The Bolinas Community Public Utilities District (BCPUD) has historically protected Bolinas from unnecessary chemicals, evidenced by its chemical-free sewage treatment facility, an integrated pond system relying on biological processes, and microfiltration water treatment plant.

In 2005, BCPUD appointed an advisory committee, whose research resulted in a nontoxic protocol that would limit methods used by the "District" in West Marin to education, prevention (physical and mechanical) and "biologic treatments" approved for certified organic farms. Introducing toxic pesticides into the environment threatens organic farms and gardens, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, human health, our local economy and will disrupt the interdependent ecosystem we value.

SAY NO TO POISONOUS PESTICIDES.

Vote YES to advise BCPUD to protect our unique environment.

s/ Bobbi Kimball

s/ Vic Amoroso

s/ Don Smith

s/ Russ Faure-Brac

s/ Warren T. Weber

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST
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END OF MEASURE E