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Hi Supervisors,

Single-source for routine renewals should be abolished. Vendors can make errors, fail audits, or better vendors can arise. Less toxic or cheaper larvicides may be invented.

I notice that you spray only 1,000 acres with larvicide and mention 150 cases of West Nile, but 1K acres is a tiny area of the County and 150 cases is not that much, either. I am sorry for the 2 deaths. However, I would like to know how many cases this prevented, by comparison to other places of comparable size who do not spray.

A County which routinely uses such toxic weedkillers as Roundup should provide a cost-benefit detail and specific justification and declaration of toxicity. That you made a contract with these companies five years ago and (BTW) let the contract expire on 6/30 is not good enough.

Here, the EPA said it causes mild to moderate eye irritation, apparently also in animals, and "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN," so it sounds like there might be a safer way. This should be explored before issuing a contract.

Regards,

Paul Henkin