



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

The City of Malibu has shown great leadership in regards to opposing the use of anticoagulant rodent poisons and has been a model for other cities in the region. Now, Malibu can lead again and amend its Local Coastal Program to incorporate the Los Angeles County LCP provisions banning toxic chemical pesticides in the Santa Monica mountains Coastal Zone. The Santa Monica Mountains LCP includes:

CO-58 The use of insecticides, herbicides, anti-coagulant rodenticides, or any toxic chemical substance which has the potential to significantly degrade biological resources in the Santa Monica Mountains, shall be prohibited, ...

CO-59 Work towards a Poison-Free Santa Monica Mountains by exploring the feasibility of eliminating the use of rodenticides at the soonest practical date and identify and promote rodent control methods that do not involve poisons.

It is vitally important that the prohibition be city-wide to provide the same protection afforded in the Santa Monica Mountains LCP. In Malibu and in most, if not all, of the other cities in the region, the overwhelming source of rodent poisons is the poison bait boxes placed by pest control companies in commercial areas such as shopping centers, restaurants, schools, and also residential areas especially homeowners association complexes. Nowhere in Malibu is far from an area with significant biological resources because of its long, thin geographical shape paralleling the mountains, so any use of these pesticides is a direct threat to the biological resources of the Santa Monica Mountains.

It has become apparent from the death of mountain lion P-34 in Pt. Mugu State Park last September from FIVE different poisons, that the commercial pest control companies are now the largest contributor of rodent poisons.

Here are six recent articles and editorials recognizing the role of the poison bait boxes put out by commercial pest control companies -

1. Los Angeles Times, November 10, 2015. [Puma found dead in Point Mugu State Park killed by rat poisons](#)
2. Los Angeles Times, November 12, 2015. [Editorial on P-34 death – Rat poison is killing more than rats](#)
3. Thousand Oaks Acorn, December 03, 2015. [Rodenticide debate heats up in wake of wildlife deaths](#)
4. San Jose Mercury News, November 19, 2015. [Ban rat poisons in California! Wildlife advocacy group explains why](#)
5. National Park Service Press Release on P-34 Poisoning, November 10, 2015. [Mountain Lion Was Exposed to Multiple Poisons, Tests Show](#)
6. Ventura County Star, November 13, 2015. [Editorial: It's Time to Stop Destroying California Wildlife with Rat Poison](#)

SSMPA supports Malibu amending its LCP to incorporate the Los Angeles County Santa Monica Mountains LCP provisions banning toxic chemical pesticides and thank the City for it's leadership.

Sincerely,

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About Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 42 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and surrounding open space.

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