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Krista,  
I wonder if the CA Conservation Corps could be used to tear out the invasive plants that goats won't tackle instead of using an herbicide. Even if they only participated on certain sections of the trail line, it would still cut the use of chemicals.  
Thank you.  
Julia

On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 2:10 PM Regional Transportation Commission <[info@sccrtc.org](mailto:info@sccrtc.org)> wrote:

Hi Julia,

Thank you for your interest in RTC projects. Your comments have been recorded.

Regards,

Krista

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**To:** Regional Transportation Commission <[info@scrtc.org](mailto:info@scrtc.org)>  
**Subject:** Proposal to use herbicides along rail line

Hello,

I am very concerned about the Community Tree Service's use of herbicides on vegetation along the 15 miles of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. There has been a dramatic and visible reduction of all kinds of insects and bees within the last few years in Santa Cruz County. Insects and avian life need weedy and leafy areas in order to thrive and survive. Yes, Pampas grasses and Scotch Broom are non-native and invasive but they do provide habitat. I am a bee keeper and cringe everytime I see someone applying weed killer along sidewalks in front of commercial parcels. This must stop! We are killing both our pollinators and non-pollinating insects. Our farming community especially needs them.

Please review the plans to use herbicides.

Thank you.

Julia Fuerst

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