August 4, 2014

Owner of record with the Assessor
Mailing Address on record with the Assessor
City, State, and Zip Code

Dear Property Owner:

Your property located at (Mailing Address) was found by inspection to contain a public nuisance. More specifically, the Inspection revealed:

X 1. Combustible grass, weeds, or in violation of the Los Angeles County or City Fire Code
X 2. Rubbish, litter, trash, or debris
3. An accumulation of tumbleweeds

Sections 39560-39588 of the California Government Code, and Sections 13879 and 14875-14922 of the California Health & Safety Code, authorize the County to identify, and cause to be abated, certain public nuisances like the ones listed above. It is requested that you remove/abate the public nuisance(s) existing on your property by August 25, 2014 or County crews may perform the work with the cost placed as an assessment on your tax bill. After the above deadline, abatement work by County crews may occur at any time. In order to abate the nuisance(s) and/or bring your property into compliance with the applicable fire code, you must cut and remove all weeds, flammable vegetation and debris within 200 feet of all structures. Specimen trees must be limbed up to provide 6 feet ground clearance. Specimen shrubs should remain on slopes to prevent erosion, but must be spaced approximately 12 feet apart.

While the County is prohibited from making a profit from nuisance abatement work, it must recover all expenses incurred in performing this work. It is estimated that if County crews do the work, the charges will be approximately $3,300.

Please remember that your property needs to be maintained hazard free throughout the year. This includes any hazardous regrowth of weeds, dry grass, etc., that develops after initial abatement. A diagram of the general clearance requirements is available on our website at http://acwm.lacounty.gov.

It is our goal to assist property owners to maintain their own properties whenever possible. If you require additional information regarding this matter, please contact (Inspector’s Name) at (626) 555-5555.

Very truly yours,

KURT E. FLOREN
Agricultural Commissioner/ Director of Weights and Measures

Raymond B. Smith
Deputy Director/Bureau Chief
Weed Hazard Integrated & Pest Management Bureau

If you suspect fraud or wrongdoing by a County Employee, please report it to the County Fraud Hotline at 1-800-544-6861 or www.lacountyfraud.org/