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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

July 15, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

HEARING ON 2003-2004
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Confirm the 2003-2004 hazardous vegetation abatement costs in the total amount of $11,319.00 to be assessed to owners of improved parcels.

2. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to post the hazardous vegetation abatement costs as a direct assessment against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Board's confirmation of hazardous vegetation abatement costs enables the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (the " Fire Department") to assess parcels in Los Angeles County which were declared to be a seasonal recurrent public nuisance due to excessive hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation, and which required hazard abatement enforcement by the Fire Department.

JUSTIFICATION:

Hazard abatement enforcement is necessary to ensure abatement of fire hazards on parcels that are not in compliance. Enforcement of compliance on improved parcels is the responsibility of the Fire Department and is required by Part 5, Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922, inclusive, and your Board's action on January 13, 2004 which approved these costs for non-compliant declared improved parcels. These costs, $231.00 per parcel, are the costs established by previous Board action on January 21, 1997 and do not include an increased cost per parcel. Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs will allow the Fire Department to recover costs for abatement action beyond the annual inspection program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net County cost in confirming the hazardous vegetation abatement costs. Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs allows for partial recovery of the Fire Department expenditures for hazard abatement enforcement.

FINANCING:

Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs does not affect the net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Abatement activities have been taken against improved properties not in compliance and found by inspection to be a seasonal recurrent nuisance due to hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation, including native and ornamental vegetation, which require Fire Department abatement enforcement action to provide fire protection to existing structures and adjacent properties under the provisions of Part 5, Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922 inclusive.

The attached report contains an itemized account of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs. A copy of the report shall be posted for at least three days on or near the Board's chamber door and on the internet, with a notice of the time when the cost report will be submitted to the Board for public hearing on confirmation.

A copy of the cost report, as confirmed, shall be turned over to the Auditor-Controller of the County, on or before the tenth (10th) day of August following such confirmation. The Auditor-Controller will enter the amounts of the respective assessments against respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The recovery of hazardous vegetation abatement costs is vital to the ongoing operation governing the identification and abatement of those properties that constitute a public nuisance and endanger the public safety.

CONCLUSION:

When confirmed, the Fire Department requires one (1) copy of the Board's action.

Very truly yours,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachments

c: Louisa Ollague
Randi Tahara
Joseph Charney
Rick Velasquez
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Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

REPORT ON HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Supervisors:

Pursuant to an order heretofore made by your Honorable Board instructing the Fire Department to enforce abatement of hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation under the provisions of Part 5, Division 12, of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922, inclusive, we respectfully submit for confirmation by your Honorable Board on August 3, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., the following report on the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement showing the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement on each separate lot or parcel of land, to-wit:

(see attached report titled 'HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COSTS')

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

JOHN R. TODD, Assistant Chief, Forestry, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Section Manager of the Brush Clearance Unit of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, being duly sworn says:

That on or before the 27th day of July 2004, he posted or caused to be posted, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and on the internet, the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement services for each and every parcel described in the report titled 'Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Costs.' A true and correct copy thereof is attached hereto, with a notice stating that the 3rd day of August 2004, at 9:30 a.m., is the date and time upon which said report is to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles for confirmation.

By _____
John R. Todd
Assistant Chief, Forestry

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
this 27th day of July, A.D., 2004

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COSTS - JULY 1, 2004
2003 - 2004

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
2006	025	038	231.00
2055	023	083	231.00
2058	008	015	231.00
2058	017	010	231.00
2063	001	021	231.00
2063	001	024	231.00
2526	008	010	231.00
2818	029	002	231.00
3059	023	017	231.00
3064	023	067	231.00
3206	001	022	231.00
3251	013	039	231.00
4436	015	011	231.00
4438	004	015	231.00
4438	016	008	231.00
4438	023	002	231.00
4438	025	036	231.00
4441	025	009	231.00
4447	032	020	231.00
4469	013	006	231.00
5808	017	015	231.00
5817	003	001	231.00
5817	003	016	231.00
5817	004	009	231.00
5817	005	006	231.00
5822	007	013	231.00
5830	002	007	231.00
5830	017	013	231.00
5831	010	010	231.00
5831	017	026	231.00
5843	014	004	231.00
5843	019	012	231.00
5843	020	011	231.00
5843	020	050	231.00
5864	009	005	231.00
5867	011	020	231.00
7551	022	001	231.00
7557	007	001	231.00
7557	010	006	231.00
7568	017	025	231.00
7572	017	017	231.00
8126	016	012	231.00
8277	025	010	231.00
8665	002	099	231.00
8671	009	001	231.00
8706	003	008	231.00

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8709	090	065	231.00
8713	013	002	231.00
8722	025	001	231.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED: 49
TOTAL CHARGES: $11,319.00