COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

July 25, 2006

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 2005-2006
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 2005-2006 hazardous vegetation abatement costs in the total amount of $13,629.00 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 improved 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 improved parcels in Los Angeles County which have been 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 improved parcels that are not in compliance with local requirements. 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. Your Board's action on January 17, 2006 approved these costs for non-compliant declared improved parcels. The cost, $231.00 per improved parcel, is the cost established by previous Board action on January 21, 1997 and does 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 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 confirmation after a public hearing.

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 improved parcels 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: Vicky Santana
Randi Tahara
Joseph Charney
Rick Velasquez
Sussy Nemer
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 July 25, 2006, 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 18th day of July 2006, 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 25th day of July 2006, 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 18th day of July, A.D., 2006

SACHI HAMAI, EXECUTIVE OFFICER-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHANGES - 07/01/2006
2005-2006

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
2006	024	037	231.00
2049	007	029	231.00
2056	009	042	231.00
2812	005	021	231.00
2818	025	046	231.00
2818	029	002	231.00
2840	004	023	231.00
3059	018	124	231.00
3217	013	003	231.00
3251	011	032	231.00
3251	012	015	231.00
3251	013	054	231.00
3275	009	008	231.00
3275	012	007	231.00
4438	009	038	231.00
4438	011	032	231.00
4438	012	021	231.00
4440	021	017	231.00
4446	010	020	231.00
4447	005	020	231.00
4447	015	040	231.00
4447	024	013	231.00
4448	021	041	231.00
4451	011	073	231.00
4451	013	024	231.00
4457	009	024	231.00
4459	013	010	231.00
4459	014	003	231.00
4465	006	011	231.00
4472	022	016	231.00

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MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
4472	023	006	231.00
5658	015	009	231.00
5810	019	035	231.00
5817	028	054	231.00
5843	019	012	231.00
5860	034	025	231.00
5860	034	030	231.00
7556	004	001	231.00
7567	003	021	231.00
7567	005	031	231.00
7567	007	005	231.00
7567	012	025	231.00
7568	017	025	231.00
7569	024	014	231.00
8221	006	023	231.00
8221	006	024	231.00
8241	002	031	231.00
8277	020	003	231.00
8277	021	005	231.00
8277	022	024	231.00
8277	027	005	231.00
8281	002	029	231.00
8281	018	035	231.00
8292	016	051	231.00
8292	025	009	231.00
8360	035	006	231.00
8706	003	008	231.00
8718	008	003	231.00
8718	034	031	231.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED: 59

TOTAL CHARGES: $13,629.00