



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

July 24, 2007

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 2006-2007
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 2006-2007 hazardous vegetation abatement costs in the total amount of \$14,091.00 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.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA
CUDAHY

DIAMOND BAR
DUARTE
EL MONTE
GARDENA
GLENDDORA
HAWAIIAN GARDENS
HAWTHORNE

HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
INDUSTRY
INGLEWOOD
IRWINDALE
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
LA HABRA

LA MIRADA
LA PUENTE
LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWNDALE
LOMITA
LYNWOOD

MALIBU
MAYWOOD
NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

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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.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This action will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

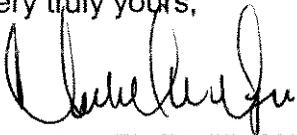
The recovery of hazardous vegetation abatement costs is vital to the ongoing operation governing the identification and abatement of those properties that constitute a public nuisance and endanger the public safety.

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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 24, 2007, 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

for

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

JON E. BAKER, Deputy Forester, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, 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 17th day of July 2007, 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 24th day of July 2007, 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 Jon E. Baker
Jon E. Baker
Deputy Forester

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
this 17th day of July, A.D., 2007

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 - 07/01/07
 2006-2007**

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
2006	024	037	231.00
2006	025	038	231.00
2055	013	032	231.00
2055	023	040	231.00
2061	022	034	231.00
2818	025	010	231.00
2821	008	025	231.00
3275	009	008	231.00
3277	024	002	231.00
3278	019	015	231.00
4436	015	011	231.00
4436	015	037	231.00
4436	025	034	231.00
4446	025	001	231.00
4446	031	006	231.00
4447	015	008	231.00
4451	011	021	231.00
4453	006	026	231.00
4453	009	009	231.00
4453	015	010	231.00
4465	006	011	231.00
4470	009	011	231.00
4472	008	006	231.00
4472	008	019	231.00
4472	027	014	231.00
5658	015	009	231.00
5810	019	035	231.00
5817	017	010	231.00
5817	017	011	231.00
5831	012	015	231.00
5843	001	025	231.00
5843	020	031	231.00
5860	036	008	231.00
5860	040	005	231.00

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 2006-2007**

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
5860	040	006	231.00
7567	007	005	231.00
8138	005	013	231.00
8138	019	011	231.00
8281	018	035	231.00
8281	039	033	231.00
8292	012	021	231.00
8292	025	009	231.00
8360	021	010	231.00
8360	035	005	231.00
8382	020	048	231.00
8392	015	029	231.00
8448	013	041	231.00
8527	008	002	231.00
8658	024	011	231.00
8669	003	040	231.00
8703	005	007	231.00
8706	003	008	231.00
8709	082	012	231.00
8713	002	013	231.00
8713	002	028	231.00
8713	031	016	231.00
8713	031	017	231.00
8713	031	020	231.00
8713	034	007	231.00
8713	035	005	231.00
8717	027	017	231.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED: 61.00
TOTAL CHARGES: \$14,091.00