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Richard K. Iizuka
Chief Deputy

July 26, 2016

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

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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July 26, 2016

Lori Glasgow
LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON 2015-2016 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION/WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

In Los Angeles County, abatement of hazardous vegetation (weeds, brush and neglected landscaping) and rubbish is primarily a joint enforcement and clearance effort between the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District). The State law pursuant to which both programs operate requires that your Board hold a public hearing for property owners whose properties will be assessed charges for hazardous vegetation enforcement or abatement.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND AS THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Confirm the 2015-2016 ACWM hazardous vegetation abatement costs, in the total amount of \$2,545,187.00 that are to be assessed to owners of designated parcels of land.
2. Confirm the 2015-2016 District hazardous vegetation abatement costs, in the total amount of \$3,888.00 that are to be assessed to owners of improved parcels.
3. Instruct the Auditor-Controller (A-C) to post the hazardous vegetation abatement costs as direct assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current property tax assessment roll.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Annual abatement of hazardous vegetation is a critical component of the overall fire prevention infrastructure throughout most of Los Angeles County. Your Board's confirmation of hazardous vegetation and rubbish abatement and enforcement charges enables ACWM and the District to recover costs from properties upon which such costs were incurred in performing hazardous vegetation or rubbish abatement and enforcement actions, as authorized by State Law.

The properties, which are both improved and unimproved (vacant), were declared by prior Board resolution to contain or have the potential to contain public nuisances due to hazardous vegetation or rubbish.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports the following County Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability – Conducting nuisance abatement pursuant to the statutory authority of the California Health and Safety Code allows ACWM and the District to respond to hazards posed by weeds, brush, and rubbish more quickly and effectively than when using other nuisance abatement procedures.

Goal 2: Community Support and Responsiveness: This action supports and strengthens ACWM'S ability to respond to illegal dumping, which is a serious problem for the environment and many Los Angeles County communities.

Goal 3: Integrated Services Delivery: Timely removal of hazardous weeds and brush helps to protect the life and property of many residents living in the areas covered by the ACWM/District Weed and Brush Abatement Program. Equally important, the program allows for defensible space between homes and a potential brush fire thus providing for a margin of safety for firefighters attempting to defend the homes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on net County cost.

Approval of this action will allow ACWM to recover its expenses for abatement costs, including clerical functions such as mailings, boundary determination, data entry, etc. It will allow the District to recover costs for abatement enforcement activities beyond the annual inspection program for property owners who fail to comply with two official notices to abate hazards.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Properties identified by inspection to contain weeds, brush, neglected landscaping, or rubbish in violation of the Los Angeles County Fire Code Sections 325.2.1 – 325.2.2, or upon which these same items were otherwise a public nuisance, were the subject of enforcement actions or direct abatement activities pursuant to the authority of the California Health and Safety Code (Code) Sections 13879 and 14875 through 14922, inclusive. The Code requires the Board to pass a resolution and hold a Public Hearing, which took place in January and March of 2015 and 2016, respectively. In addition, Section 14905 of the Code requires ACWM and the District to keep an account of the cost of abatement on each separate parcel of land and render an itemized report (Report), in writing, to your Board. Attached are the itemized Reports for ACWM and the District.

Pursuant to Section 14906 of the Code, before the Report is submitted to your Board for confirmation, a copy must be posted for at least three days on or near the Board's chamber door with a notice of the time when it will be submitted to your Board for public hearing on confirmation.

Once confirmed by your Board, a copy of the Report must be submitted to the A-C on or before August 15, 2016. The A-C will enter the amounts of the respective assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recovery of costs incurred from enforcement or abatement of hazardous vegetation and rubbish is vital for the ongoing related operations for both ACWM and the District.

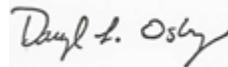
Respectfully submitted,



KURT E. FLOREN

Agricultural Commissioner, Director of Weights
and Measures

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DARYL L. OSBY

FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

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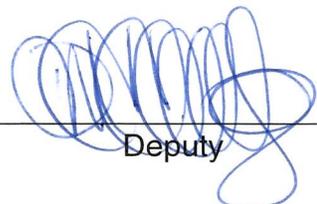
RAYMOND B. SMITH, Deputy Director/Bureau Chief, Weed Abatement Division of the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department of the County of Los Angeles, being duly sworn says:

That on or before the 20th day of July 2016, he posted or caused to be posted, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, a copy of his report of the cost of weed abatement on each and all of the properties described in the list hereto attached, of which the annexed is a true copy thereof, setting the 26th day of July 2016, at 9:30 a.m., as the date upon which said report is to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles for confirmation.

By 
RAYMOND B. SMITH
Deputy Director, Bureau Chief

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
This 26th day of July, 2016

LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer
Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy



REPORT ON THE COST OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT

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 Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to abate noxious weeds, brush, or rubbish under the provisions of Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 13879, and 14875 to 14922, inclusive, we respectfully submit for confirmation by your Honorable Board on July 26, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., the following report on the cost of abating such noxious weeds on each separate lot or parcel of land, showing the cost of removing such weeds on each separate lot or parcel of land, or in front thereof, or both, to-wit:

(see attached)

Respectfully submitted,



KURT E. FLOREN
Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights and Measures

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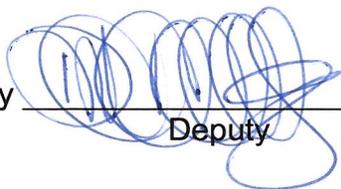
KEVIN T. JOHNSON, Assistant Chief, Forestry, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Manager of the Brush Clearance Unit of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, being duly sworn says:

That on or before the 20th day of July 2016, 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 "Abatement Enforcement Cost Charges." A true and correct copy thereof is attached hereto, with a notice stating that the 26th day of July 2016, 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 
Kevin T. Johnson
Acting Chief Forestry

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
This 20th day of July, 2016

LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer
Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
Of the County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy



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 Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County 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 26, 2016, 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 "ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES")

Respectfully submitted,



DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015-2016
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on the Hazardous Vegetation Charges on July 26, 2016 at 0930 in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue) Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The complete list of abatement charges is available for review in the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 381B Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 between the hours of 8 and 5 Monday – Friday.

LORI GLASGOW

Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES - 07/01/2016
2015-2016**

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	CHARGES
2059	030	012	648.00
4436	015	011	648.00
4452	017	009	648.00
5810	020	030	648.00
8277	005	036	648.00
8277	029	030	648.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED: 6.00
TOTAL CHARGES: \$3,888.00