



Kurt E. Floren
Agricultural Commissioner/
Director of Weights and Measures

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
*Department of
Agricultural Commissioner/
Weights and Measures*

12300 Lower Azusa Road
Arcadia, California 91006-5872
<http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>

Robert G. Atkins
Chief Deputy

June 28, 2005

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

Dear Supervisors:

2005 WEED ABATEMENT SECOND REFEREE'S HEARING REPORT

As authorized by the California Health and Safety Code, and approved by your Board, public hearings were conducted by the Deputy Director, Weed Hazard & Pest Management Bureau, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, acting as Referee, to receive protests against the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures' Year 2005 order to abate noxious or dangerous weeds, brush, rubbish, etc. As stated in the legal notice sent to each owner of record, the hearings were held from 9:30 a.m. until noon, in the offices of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, at 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, California on May 24, 2005 and at 335 A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, California on May 25, 2005.

Three property owners attended the public hearings. Each property owner received individual consultation from weed abatement personnel. Appropriate action was taken whenever necessary in addressing each of the inquiries. We are not aware of any individual that wishes to present objections to your Board at this time.

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept this hearing report.

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2. Order the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures to abate or cause to be abated the noxious and dangerous weeds, brush, rubbish from unimproved properties.

Very truly yours,

KURT E. FLOREN
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Attachment

- c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Fire Chief

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

RAYMOND B. SMITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/BUREAU CHIEF, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, being first duly sworn says: That on or before the 12th day of May, 2005, as required by the Health and Safety Code 14896 of the State of California, he mailed "Annual Weed Abatement Notices" to the owners of each of the 755 properties as their names and addresses and a description of the property in question appear from the last equalized assessment roll, or as known to the clerk, a notice or notices to destroy noxious or dangerous weeds, of which the annexed is a true copy, and setting the 24th and 25th days of May, 2005, as the dates upon which owners of said property could attend a meeting of the Weed Abatement Referee, when their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

I have personal knowledge of the foregoing, and if called upon could competently testify thereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

RAYMOND B. SMITH
Deputy Director, Bureau Chief

WITNESSED BY:

This _____ day of _____, 2005

Corina Monsivaiz, Staff Assistant III

OWNER OF RECORD:
MAILING ADDRESS:

The ownership and address shown are taken from the last equalized assessment roll. If either of these is incorrect, please notify the Los Angeles County Assessor at (888) 807-2111

LEGAL NOTICE

IMPORTANT YEAR 2005 NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS, REMOVE BRUSH, RUBBISH OR REFUSE

Notice is hereby given that on May 10, 2005, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles passed a resolution declaring noxious or dangerous weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, chaparral, rubbish or refuse were growing or occurring upon or in front of said property of certain streets in said city or unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles, and more particularly described in the resolution, and that they constitute a fire hazard or public nuisance which must be abated by the removal of said weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, chaparral, rubbish or refuse, otherwise they may be removed and the nuisance abated by County authorities and the cost of removal assessed upon the land from or in front of which the weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, chaparral rubbish or refuse are removed, and such cost will constitute a special assessment against such lots or lands. In addition, the Board of Supervisors authorized and directed the Agricultural Commissioner to recover its costs of details. **The Board of Supervisors has authorized an inspection fee of \$34.51 which will be assessed against all declared UNIMPROVED properties, whether or not they are cleared by the property owner.**

All property owners having any objections to the proposed removal of weeds, brush, rubbish or refuse, and the recovery of inspection costs, are hereby notified that they may attend a weed abatement referee hearing at:

the headquarters of the Los Angeles County, Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, CA 91006-5872, on May 24, 2005, from 9:30 A.M. until noon, and the Antelope Valley at 335A E. Avenue K-6, Lancaster on May 25, 2005, from 9:30 A.M. until noon.

Protests which are not resolved will be sent before the Board of Supervisors where their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

THIS IS NOT A CITATION OR A SUMMONS. HOWEVER, YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE, A SPECIFIC CITY FIRE CODE, OR OTHERWISE CONTAIN A PUBLIC NUISANCE. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THE WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE HEARING.

ASSESSOR'S I.D. NUMBER			THIS NOTICE DATED
MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	May 12, 2005

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

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Upon 72 hours notice, the Department can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Arcadia (12300 Lower Azusa Road), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 575-5454 or TDD (626) 575-5520, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(Over)

