COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

July 22, 2008

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 2007-2008
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Action pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code and required to collect Abatement Enforcement costs for the 2007 fire season. The costs are for non-compliant declared improved parcels for enforcement action beyond the annual inspection program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Confirm the 2007-2008 hazardous vegetation abatement costs in the total amount of $18,480.00 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 30, 2007 approved costs for non-compliant declared improved parcels at $231.00. 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/FINANCING

Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs allows for partial recovery of the Fire Department expenditures for hazard abatement enforcement. There is no impact to 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 eight (8th) 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.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Executive Office
   1320 N. Eastern Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90063
   Attention: Chief Deputy Michael Dyer

2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Prevention Services Bureau
   1320 N. Eastern Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90063
   Attention: Deputy Chief Scott Poster

Very truly yours,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:jt

Attachments

c: Chief Executive Office
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 22, 2008, 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)

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 15th day of July 2008, 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 22th day of July 2008, 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
Assistant Chief, Forestry

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
this 15th day of July, A.D., 2008

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 - 7/01/08
2007-2008

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
2006	025	038	231.00
2017	001	007	231.00
2049	015	028	231.00
2049	015	039	231.00
2049	016	026	231.00
2049	044	005	231.00
2050	014	010	231.00
2052	026	015	231.00
2052	026	019	231.00
2058	004	076	231.00
2061	010	006	231.00
2061	010	007	231.00
2061	022	057	231.00
2061	028	039	231.00
2063	001	021	231.00
2063	001	024	231.00
2063	007	041	231.00
2063	033	039	231.00
2078	014	012	231.00
2818	025	010	231.00
2818	034	008	231.00
2818	034	009	231.00
2821	026	021	231.00
4434	016	012	231.00
4436	025	034	231.00
4438	038	030	231.00
4440	021	017	231.00
4441	024	003	231.00
4444	016	012	231.00
4444	016	022	231.00
4445	006	025	231.00
4447	012	018	231.00
4447	018	016	231.00
4447	032	020	231.00
4447	036	005	231.00
4448	020	030	231.00
4450	015	048	231.00
4452	020	054	231.00
4453	022	005	231.00
4453	026	036	231.00

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4455	040	021	231.00
4456	006	001	231.00
4456	011	104	231.00
4456	015	014	231.00
4456	018	044	231.00
4456	020	021	231.00
4456	023	043	231.00
4456	029	038	231.00
4456	039	002	231.00
4461	032	004	231.00
4462	007	025	231.00
4462	008	015	231.00
4462	015	021	231.00
4462	016	005	231.00
4462	017	041	231.00
4464	024	020	231.00
4464	024	022	231.00
4464	024	023	231.00
4464	024	024	231.00
4465	006	011	231.00
4465	006	054	231.00
4465	006	055	231.00
4467	033	008	231.00
4468	003	022	231.00
4468	007	013	231.00
4468	008	004	231.00
8137	025	032	231.00
8137	031	004	231.00
8224	022	002	231.00
8291	013	010	231.00
8291	024	007	231.00
8385	016	006	231.00
8448	029	066	231.00
8673	027	030	231.00
8673	029	001	231.00
8673	029	004	231.00
8712	003	001	231.00

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
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2007-2008

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED:	**80**
TOTAL CHARGES:	**$18,480.00**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007-2008
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 22, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. 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, California 90012.

The complete list of abatement charges is available for review in the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday
Through Friday.

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER – CLERK OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS