COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE CHIEF
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July 27, 2010

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 2009-2010
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (DISTRICT)
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 2009 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 2009-2010 hazardous vegetation abatement costs in the total amount of $38,232.00 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 (District) 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 District.

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 District 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 29, 2008 approved costs for non-compliant declared improved parcels at $648.00. Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs will allow the District 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 District's 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 the District 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 public safety.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
Business Operations

Chief Deputy Daryl L. Osby
dosby@fire.lacounty.gov

Very truly yours,

for PMF

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:kj

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 District 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 27, 2010, 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,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES - 07/01/2010
2009-2010

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
2006	025	038	648.00
2006	031	045	648.00
2058	004	076	648.00
2818	025	010	648.00
2818	029	014	648.00
2865	018	043	648.00
3027	007	026	648.00
3048	004	024	648.00
3056	024	049	648.00
3057	003	027	648.00
3057	017	004	648.00
3069	002	016	648.00
3074	012	017	648.00
3074	028	012	648.00
3103	007	043	648.00
3209	021	024	648.00
3215	005	010	648.00
3215	005	051	648.00
3223	006	005	648.00
3225	024	003	648.00
3264	012	024	648.00
4438	037	027	648.00
4446	026	019	648.00
4448	027	087	648.00
4450	030	024	648.00
4451	011	021	648.00
4451	013	031	648.00
4451	022	043	648.00
4453	019	054	648.00
4453	026	036	648.00
4456	004	006	648.00
4457	009	043	648.00
4461	032	006	648.00
4466	016	017	648.00
4467	018	050	648.00
4467	028	037	648.00
4468	006	022	648.00
5760	014	036	648.00

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ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES - 07/01/2010
2009-2010

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
5831	018	021	648.00
5843	014	004	648.00
5860	036	008	648.00
8277	021	005	648.00
8277	029	044	648.00
8281	042	028	648.00
8360	014	015	648.00
8360	020	015	648.00
8360	025	006	648.00
8360	035	006	648.00
8385	013	014	648.00
8527	002	014	648.00
8527	021	010	648.00
8669	025	046	648.00
8675	011	033	648.00
8703	018	004	648.00
8706	003	008	648.00
8709	088	008	648.00
8712	012	008	648.00
8713	002	028	648.00
8718	013	026	648.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED: 59.00
TOTAL CHARGES: $38,232.00

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 14th day of July 2010, 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 27th day of July 2010, 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 14th day of July, A.D., 2010

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

By_____
Deputy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009-2010 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 27, 2010 at 0930 in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple (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.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer - CLERK of the Board of Supervisors