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Chief Deputy

April 14, 2026

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

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF WEED ABATEMENT FIVE YEAR RENEWAL  
SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF LA VERNE, SANTA FE SPRINGS AND SOUTH  
PASADENA  
(FIRST AND FIFTH DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) provides weed abatement services for fire prevention as requested by various cities throughout Los Angeles County. Approval of the attached agreements will allow ACWM to provide the weed abatement services for the Cities of La Verne, Santa Fe Springs, and South Pasadena upon City request at no net County cost.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve renewal of Weed Abatement Service Renewal Agreements with the Cities of La Verne, Santa Fe Springs, and South Pasadena for weed abatement services for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.
2. Instruct the Chair to sign the Renewal Agreements.
3. Delegate authority to the Commissioner/Director to terminate the Agreements pursuant to terms of the Agreements.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the above action will enable ACWM to continue to provide weed abatement services for fire prevention as requested by the cities of La Verne, Santa Fe Springs and South Pasadena pursuant to the terms of the County's Weed Abatement Agreements from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action supports the County Strategic Plan goals through the following strategies:

- North Star 2: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities. Focus Area Goal A.: Public Health Strategy I.: Population Based Health – Removal of overgrown weeds, neglected vegetation and illegal dumping contributes to the health and safety of residents of our contract cities.
- North Star 3: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today. Focus Area Goal G.: Internal Controls and Processes – Strategy I.: Maximize Revenue, and Strategy II.: Manage and Maximize County Assets – 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. It also allows complete cost recovery for ACWM's role in this critical public safety function, and the District to recover costs for its enforcement efforts.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Services provided by the ACWM are 100% recoverable through property tax assessments, liens, and direct billings.

The County will be reimbursed for its expenditures at rates developed and adjusted annually by the ACWM and reviewed by the Auditor-Controller pursuant to statutory limitations.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The terms of the Agreements shall be for a period of five (5) years from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.

The Agreements have been reviewed by County Counsel and are approved as to form.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

4/14/2026

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt E. Floren', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

KURT E. FLOREN

Agricultural Commissioner, Director of Weights  
and Measures

KEF:MER:AZ:jr

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor  
Auditor-Controller

## WEED ABATEMENT SERVICE

### AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated upon execution by both parties is made by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County," and the CITY OF LA VERNE, hereinafter referred to as "City."

#### RECITALS:

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(b) The County is agreeable to rendering such weed abatement services on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in this Agreement.

(c) This Agreement is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Section 56 ½ of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles and California Government Code (Government Code) section 51301 and is permissible in accordance with Government Code sections 54980 and 54981.

#### THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

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Such services shall encompass the weed abatement duties and functions of the type coming within the jurisdiction of and customarily rendered by the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures under the Charter of County and the statutes of the State of California.

The level of service shall be the same basic level of weed abatement service that County otherwise provides for in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles by said Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

The County shall have the discretion to terminate services on tax default parcels.

The rendition of such services, the standard of performance, and other matters incidental to the performance of such services, and the control of personnel so employed shall remain at the discretion of the County.

The standard for hazardous vegetation clearance shall be equivalent to the Los Angeles County Fire Code, sections 325.2.1 and 325.2.2 being the same that applies in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles unless some other standard is requested by the City in writing and agreed to by County.

2. To facilitate the performance of said functions, it is hereby agreed that the County shall have full cooperation and assistance from the City Council and other City officer, agents, and employees.

3. For the purpose of performing said functions, County shall furnish and supply all necessary labor, supervision, equipment, and supplies necessary to maintain the level of service to be rendered hereunder.

4. The County shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work shall be subcontracted, except that the County may subcontract specialized equipment and/or services pursuant to County procurement procedures using a competitive bidding process.

5. No City Employee as such shall be utilized for providing services rendered by County, and no person employed hereunder shall have any City pension, civil service, or any status or right.

For the purpose of performing such services and functions, and for the purpose of giving official status to the performance thereof where necessary, every County officer and

employee engaged in the performance of any service hereunder shall be deemed to be an officer or employee of said City while performing services for said City, which services are within the scope of this Agreement and are purely municipal functions.

6. City shall not be called upon to assume any liability for the direct payment of any salaries, wages, or other compensation to any County personnel performing services hereunder for the County, or any liability other than that provided for in this Agreement.

Except as herein otherwise specified, the City shall not be liable for compensation and/or indemnification to any County employee for any injury or sickness arising out of their employment.

7. The parties hereto have executed an Assumption of Liability Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 27, 1977 and/or a Joint Indemnity Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 1991. Whichever of these documents the City has signed later in time is currently in effect and is hereby made a part of and incorporated into this Agreement as if set out in full herein. In the event that the Board of Supervisors later approves a revised Joint Indemnity Agreement and the City executes the revised Agreement, the subsequent Agreement as of its effective date shall supersede the Agreement previously in effect between the parties hereto.

The City understands and agrees that the fire protection indemnity provided in the Government Code sections 850 and 850.2 applies to the County for work pursuant to this Agreement.

8. This Agreement shall be effective commencing July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, unless sooner terminated as provided for herein.

The City may terminate this Agreement as of thirty-first day of December of any year upon notice in writing to the County on or before September 30 of the same year. The County may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the City.

9. The City, acting through its City Council, will perform the necessary functions required of the legislative body to which is referred in Government Code sections 39560 through 39588, as they relate to the execution of this Agreement.

10. If the City fails to adopt a resolution declaring that weeds upon parcels of property located within the City to be a public nuisance pursuant to Government Code section 39561, then the County shall have no obligation to carry out its duties under this Agreement until such year that the City does adopt such resolution, unless the City's failure occurs in the final year of this Agreement, which shall mean the Agreement terminates.

11. It is the intent of this Agreement that the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures of the County shall constitute the public officer designated by the City Council to perform the duties imposed by Government Code section 39560(a), and that the City Council of said City shall perform the duties of the legislative body as set forth in said section.

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15. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the County and the City for weed abatement services. This Agreement may not be modified except by formal amendment executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

16. Notices regarding this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY:

Adrian Zavala

Deputy Director

Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/

Weights & Measures

12300 Lower Azusa Road

Arcadia, California 91006-5872

CITY:

Debra Fritz

Deputy City Clerk

City of La Verne

3660 D Street

La Verne, California 91750

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the CITY OF LA VERNE, by motion duly adopted by its City Council, caused this Agreement to be signed by its Mayor and attested by its Clerk, and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chair of said Board and seal of said Board to be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of the Board.

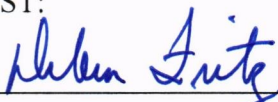
CITY OF LA VERNE

By   
Mayor Tim Hepburn

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By   
City Clerk Debra Fritz, CMC

ATTEST:

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer  
Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON  
County Counsel

By   
BLAINE MCPHILLIPS  
Deputy County Counsel

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CITY:

Fernando N. Munoz

City Clerk

City of Santa Fe Springs

11710 E. Telegraph Road

Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

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CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS

By

  
Joe Angel Zamora, Mayor

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By



Maribel Garcia, City Clerk

ATTEST:

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer  
Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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CITY:

Mark Perez

Acting Chief City Clerk


City of South Pasadena

1414 Mission Street

South Pasadena, California 91030

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, by motion duly adopted by its City Council, caused this Agreement to be signed by its Mayor and attested by its Clerk, and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chair of said Board and seal of said Board to be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of the Board.

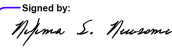
CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

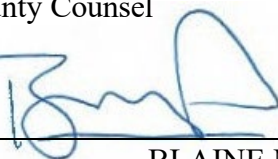
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Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counsel

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
BLAINE MCPHILLIPS  
Deputy County Counsel