



MEETING DATE: 8/6/07

ITEM NO: 13

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JULY 10, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: PAMELA JACOBS, INTERIM TOWN MANAGER *P. Jacobs*

SUBJECT: ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION (WEEDS)
A. CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE THAT ALL IDENTIFIED PROPERTIES ACHIEVED VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE WITH REGARD TO THE ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION FOR THE 2006-2007 SEASON
B. TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Consider the report of the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office that all identified properties achieved voluntary compliance with regard to the abatement of hazardous vegetation for the 2006-2007 season.
- 2. Take no further action.

BACKGROUND:

Hazardous Vegetation (weeds) poses a serious fire danger during the summer months and should be controlled by individual property owners. To ensure that hazardous vegetation (weeds) is eliminated, the Town Council established a Hazardous Vegetation (Weed) Abatement Program in cooperation with the Santa Clara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. This program, which is similar to those in neighboring jurisdictions, is modeled after the Town's nuisance abatement process. It begins each year in late fall with the adoption of a resolution declaring hazardous vegetation (weeds) to be a public nuisance, and ends the following summer with a public hearing to confirm charges against properties on which weeds were abated by the County's contractor.

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DISCUSSION:

Earlier this year, the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office inspected properties in the Town and notified the owners of those on which hazardous vegetation (weeds) was observed to remove the weeds in accordance with fire safety standards.

Staff is pleased to report that 100 percent of the identified properties achieved voluntary compliance. Therefore, staff recommends that no further action be taken on this item.

CONCLUSION:

The fact that full compliance was achieved voluntarily speaks well for the cooperative efforts between the property owners and the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None for the Town. The County costs to administer and carry out the program are recovered via charges levied against the properties served by the program.

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