



MEETING DATE: 8/4/08

ITEM NO: 8

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JULY 21, 2008

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: GREG LARSON, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION (BRUSH)

- 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 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 season.
2. Take no further action.



BACKGROUND:

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



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DISCUSSION:

Earlier this year, the County inspected properties in the Town and notified the owners of those on which hazardous vegetation (brush) was observed to remove the brush 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.

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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