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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** FIRE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** July 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2003-56 Confirming  
Special Assessments for the Cost of Abating Hazardous Weeds

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

- (1) That the Board set a public hearing for August 19, 2003 (Clerk to advertise) the list of parcels upon which the cost of abatement will become a special assessment.
- (2) That following a public hearing the Board adopt Resolution 2003-56 confirming special assessments for the cost incurred in abating hazardous weeds.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 16, 1990, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 695 establishing an on-going program to abate hazardous weeds. The identifying of vacant parcels in need of clearing hazardous weeds for the current year began in April 2003. A mailed notice to abate was then sent to each owner of record identified during the process. Thirty days from the mail date reinspections were made to identify those parcels not in compliance. Those properties not cleared by the legal owner were turned over to the County contractor for abatement. (Continued on Page Two)

TOM TISDALE  
County Fire Chief

**FINANCIAL DATA: N/A**  
**CURRENT YEAR COST \$**  
**NET COUNTY COST**  
**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**  
**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

**ANNUAL COST:**  
**IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:**  
**FOR FY:**

FORM APPROVED  
COUNTY COUNSEL

**CEO RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**APPROVE**

JUL 14 2003

County Executive Officer Signature:

BY Lee A. Vinocor

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Consent  
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Department Recommendation:  
Per Executive Office:

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A list of properties that are subject to a fee assessment will be provided at the August 5, 2003 Board Meeting. This fee incorporates the contractor/discing cost, plus an administrative fee of \$126.00 and an interest rate factor of .0398.

The confirmation in a public hearing of the list of parcels upon which the cost of abatement will become a special assessment is the required, final step under Health and Safety Code Section 14910 and the Ordinance to establish assessments and liens on those parcels where abatement has been carried out at public expense and no payment has yet been received by the County.

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-56

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4 ORDERING THE CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS  
5 AND LIENS AGAINST PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN  
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR COSTS OF THE ABATEMENT  
7 AND REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS WEEDS PURSUANT TO  
8 HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 14912 AND  
9 COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 695.2

10 WHEREAS, Health & Safety Code Section 14875 et seq. provides  
11 for the abatement and removal of hazardous weeds; and

12 WHEREAS, Riverside County in Ordinance No. 695.2 has  
13 established a methodology for the removal of hazardous weeds in  
14 various areas of the unincorporated portions of western Riverside  
15 County; and

16 WHEREAS, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 695.2 provides for the  
17 mailing of individual notices to the owners of such parcels  
18 advising them of their obligation to remove the weeds on such lands  
19 or be charged for the costs of such removal when the work is done  
20 by the County or by a contractor hired by the County; and

21 WHEREAS, on those parcels, where the removal was not carried  
22 out by the owners, the County, acting through various contractors,  
23 has now carried out the removal work required; and

24 WHEREAS, the charges placed upon the parcels is the cost of  
25 removal where the work was not carried out by the owners and is not  
26 a charge based upon the value of the parcels; and

27 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance No. 695.2 the Fire  
28 Department has since sent individual billing notices to the various  
29 parcel owners for the cost of the abatement and removal; and

30 WHEREAS, such property owners have had the opportunity to  
object through the appeals procedure established in Section 4 of  
Ordinance No. 695.2; and

1           WHEREAS, the billing for those parcels listed on the attached  
2 Exhibit "A" remain unpaid; now, therefore;

3           BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the  
4 County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session  
5 assembled on \_\_\_\_\_, that the list of parcels and costs of  
6 abatement for removal of hazardous weeds for each parcel as shown  
7 on Exhibit "A" are hereby confirmed and that henceforth said costs  
8 shall constitute special assessments against the respective parcels  
9 of land, and are liens on said lands in the amounts of the  
10 respective assessments.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this  
12 Resolution shall be transmitted to the Auditor-Controller of  
13 Riverside County who shall enter the amounts of the respective  
14 assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear  
15 on the current assessment roll. Said assessments shall be  
16 collected at the same time in the same manner as ordinary municipal  
17 ad valorem taxes as provided by Section 6 of Ordinance No. 695.2.  
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