

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

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FROM: County Counsel/TLMA
Code Enforcement Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 22, 2008

SUBJECT: Order to Abate [Unapproved Grading]
Case No.: CV 07-4426
Subject Property: Parcel on Goetz Road, Canyon Lake; APN 341-040-040
District Three

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that

- (1) The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 07-4426 be approved;
- (2) The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 07-4426; and
- (3) The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to record the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 07-4426.

BACKGROUND:

On July 29, 2008, this Board received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer in the above-referenced matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, this Board declared the unapproved grading located on the subject property to be a public nuisance. The Board ordered the property owner to abate the violative conditions on the property and directed County Counsel to prepare the Findings of Fact, Conclusion and Order to Abate.

Tiffany N. North

TIFFANY N. NORTH, Deputy County Counsel
for JOE S. RANK, County Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

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BY: _____
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

Policy Policy

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[EXEMPT '6103]

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE:) CASE NO. CV 07-4426
[UNAPPROVED GRADING]; APN: 341-040-040)
PARCEL ON GOETZ ROAD, CANYON LAKE,) FINDINGS OF FACT,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; BEATRIZ) CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO
COTA, OWNER.) ABATE NUISANCE
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) [R.C.O. Nos. 457 (RCC Title 15) and
) 725 (RCC Title 1)]

The above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing on July 29, 2008, before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in the Board Room, First Floor Annex, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California regarding the real property described as Parcel on Goetz Road, Canyon Lake, Riverside County, APN: 341-040-040, and referred to hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY."

Warren Y. Chu, Deputy County Counsel, appeared along with Jim Monroe, Code Enforcement Division Manager, on behalf of the Director of the Code Enforcement Department.

No one appeared on behalf of Owner.

The Board of Supervisors received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer together with the attached Exhibits, evidencing the unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY as a public nuisance and violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 as codified in Riverside County Code Title 15.

1 **SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE**

2 1. Documents of record in the Riverside County Recorder's Office identify the Owner
3 of THE PROPERTY as Beatriz Cota ("OWNER").

4 2. Documents of title indicate that no other parties potentially hold a legal interest in
5 THE PROPERTY.

6 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on May 30, 2007,
7 September 20, 2007, February 25, 2008, April 8, 2008, June 24, 2008 and July 28, 2008.

8 4. During each inspection, Code Enforcement officers observed that large amounts of
9 dirt had been graded and stockpiled on THE PROPERTY without required permits or County
10 approval. On May 30, 2007, Code Enforcement Officer determined that approximately one hundred
11 eleven (111) cubic yards of dirt had been graded on THE PROPERTY without requisite County
12 approval.

13 5. THE PROPERTY was determined to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance
14 No. 457 (RCC Title 15) and Board of Supervisors' Policy F-6 by the Code Enforcement Officer.

15 6. A Notice of Noncompliance was recorded on January 17, 2008 as Document Number
16 2008-0026342 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.

17 7. On May 30, 2007, Notice of Violation for Unapproved Grading was posted on THE
18 PROPERTY. On June 8, 2007, a Notice of Violation was mailed by certified mail, return receipt
19 requested to OWNER.

20 8. On September 20, 2007, Administrative Citation No. A15845 was posted on THE
21 PROPERTY as a result of new grading observed on THE PROPERTY. On November 29, 2007, a
22 Notice of Violation was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to OWNER.

23 9. On June 16, 2008, a "Notice To Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate
24 Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors' hearing
25 scheduled for July 29, 2008 was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to OWNER and
26 was posted on THE PROPERTY on June 24, 2008.

27 **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

28 WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in

1 regular session assembled on July 29, 2008, finds and concludes that:

2 1. WHEREAS, the unapproved grading on the real property located at Parcel on Goetz
3 Road, Canyon Lake, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 341-
4 040-040 violates Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 and Board of Supervisors' Policy F-6 and
5 constitutes a public and attractive nuisance.

6 2. WHEREAS, THE OWNER, occupants and any person having possession or control
7 of THE PROPERTY should abate the unapproved grading by completely restoring and remediating
8 the unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY pursuant to a Restoration Assessment from the
9 Department of Building and Safety and comply with the process and conditions thereof in strict
10 accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County
11 Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90) days.

12 3. WHEREAS, THE OWNER IS HEREBY FURTHER NOTICED that a five (5) year
13 hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals will be placed on THE PROPERTY
14 in the County's automated permit issuing system.

15 4. WHEREAS, THE OWNER IS HEREBY FURTHER NOTICED that the time within
16 which judicial review of the administrative determinations made herein must be sought is ninety (90)
17 days from the posting and mailing of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order To Abate
18 Nuisance, and is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

19 **ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE**

20 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY located
21 at Parcel on Goetz Road, Canyon Lake, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's
22 Parcel Number 341-040-040 be abated by the OWNER, and anyone having possession or control of
23 THE PROPERTY, by completely restoring and remediating the unapproved grading on THE
24 PROPERTY pursuant to a Restoration Assessment from the Department of Building and Safety and
25 comply with the process and conditions thereof in strict accordance with all Riverside County
26 Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90)
27 days of the posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY is not

1 completely restored and remediated to in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances,
2 including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90) days of the
3 posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the unapproved grading shall be abated by
4 representatives of the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department, a County approved
5 contractor, or the Sheriff's Department upon receipt of the owner's consent or a Court Order, where
6 necessary, under, applicable law authorizing entry onto THE PROPERTY, to reclaim and restore the
7 unapproved grading so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a five (5) year hold on building permits and land use
9 approvals be placed on THE PROPERTY pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457.
10 Only upon restoration of THE PROPERTY and payment of all abatement costs, will the five year
11 hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals will be released.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reasonable abatement costs, after notice and opportunity
13 for hearing, shall be imposed as a lien on THE PROPERTY, which may be collected as a special
14 assessment against THE PROPERTY pursuant to Government Code section 25845 and Riverside
15 County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 725. Under Riverside County Ordinance 725, "abatement costs"
16 means "any costs or expenses reasonably related to the abatement of conditions which violate County
17 Land Use Ordinances, and shall include, but not be limited to, enforcement, investigation, collection
18 and administrative costs, attorneys fees, and the costs associated with the removal or correction of
19 the violation." Reasonable abatement costs accrued by the Code Enforcement Department will be

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1 recoverable from the property owner(s) even if THE PROPERTY is brought into compliance within
2 ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

3 Dated: _____

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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5 By _____
6 Roy Wilson, Chairman
7 Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

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NANCY ROMERO

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Clerk to the Board

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

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TIFFANY N. NORTH DATE

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