

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

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FROM: FIRE

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 31, 2009

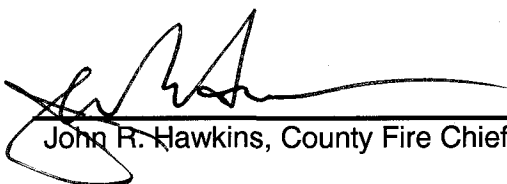
SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2009-271 Confirming Special Assessments for the Cost of Abating Hazardous Weeds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board

- (1) Direct the Clerk of the Board to set a public hearing for _____(Clerk to advertise) the list of parcels upon which the cost of weed abatement will become a special assessment.
- (2) Following a public hearing that the Board adopt Resolution 2009-271 confirming special assessments for costs incurred by the County in abating hazardous weeds.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County Ordinance 695.3 establishes an on-going program to abate hazardous vegetation. A "Notice To Abate" was sent on June 26, 2008 to each owner of record advising them of their obligation to comply within thirty days from the date of notice. Parcels found not in compliance after re-inspection have been turned over to the County Contractors for abatement.

A list of properties that are subject to a fee assessment will be provided at the Public Hearing (Clerk to advertise). This fee incorporates the contractor's costs and an administrative fee of \$126.00.


John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0.00	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	08/09

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ | District: All | Agenda Number: _____

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: BRUCE G. FORDON
DATE: 8/13/09
Departmental Concurrence

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Form 11 – **Subject:** Set Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2009-271 Confirming Fire Department Special Assessments for the Cost of Abating Hazardous Weeds.

The confirmation in a public hearing of the list of those parcels not in compliance and subject to the abatement fee is the final step required under Health and Safety Code Section 14910 and County Ordinance 695.3 to establish assessments and liens on those parcels.

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-271

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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. 695.3

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

12 WHEREAS, Riverside County in Ordinance No. 695.3 has established
13 a methodology for the removal of hazardous weeds in various areas of
14 the unincorporated portions of western Riverside County; and

15 WHEREAS, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 695.3 provides for the
16 mailing of individual notices on June 26, 2008 to the owners of such
17 parcels advising them of their obligation to remove the weeds on such
18 lands or be charged for the costs of such removal when the work is
19 done by the County or by a contractor hired by the County; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8 of Ordinance No. 695.3 the Fire
27 Department shall render to the County Auditor-Controller an itemized
28 statement covering the costs of the work necessary for such abatement.

29 WHEREAS, such property owners have had the opportunity to object
30 through the July 18, 2008 appeals procedure established in Section 6
of Ordinance No. 695.3; 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 assembled
5 on _____, that the list of parcels and costs of abatement for
6 removal of hazardous weeds for each parcel as shown on Exhibit "A" are
7 hereby confirmed and that henceforth said costs shall constitute
8 special assessments against the respective parcels of land, and are
9 liens on said lands in the amounts of the respective assessments.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution
11 shall be transmitted on _____ to the Auditor-Controller of
12 Riverside County who shall enter the amounts of the respective
13 assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on
14 the current assessment roll. Said assessments shall be collected at
15 the same time in the same manner as ordinary municipal ad valorem
16 taxes as provided by Section 8 of Ordinance No. 695.3.

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19 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
20 BY: Bruce G. Fordon 8/13/09
21 BRUCE G. FORDON DATE

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