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



County Counsel/TLMA **SUBMITTAL DATE:** FROM: November 24, 2009 Code Enforcement Department Abatement of Public Nuisance [Grading Without a Permit] **SUBJECT:** Case No.: CV 07-5494 (LAWS) Subject Property: 1 Parcel South of 18813 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore; APN: 382-400-006 District One **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that: (1) The grading without permits on the real property located at 1 Parcel South of 18813 Grand Departmental Concurrence Avenue, Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California, APN: 382-400-006, be declared a public nuisance and a violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, which does no permit grading of more than fifty (50) cubic yards without a grading permit. (2)A five (5) year hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals be placed or The Property. NATHAN D. HOLUB, Deputy County Counsel (Continued) for PAMELA J. WALLS, County Counsel In Current Year Budget: **Current F.Y. Total Cost:** \$ N/A **FINANCIAL Current F.Y. Net County Cost: Budget Adjustment:** \$ N/A **DATA Annual Net County Cost:** For Fiscal Year: \$ N/A SOURCE OF FUNDS: **Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30** Requires 4/5 Vote C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE Gary M. Christmas **County Executive Office Signature**

Dep't Recomm.

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 1

Agenda Number:

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Ofc.:

Per Exec.

Policy

Consent

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- (3) Laws Lunch & Dinner, Inc., the Owner of the subject real property or whoever has possession or control of the premises, be directed to restore or remediate the unpermitted grading within ninety (90) days.
- (4) If the owner or whoever has possession or control of the real property does not take the above described action within ninety (90) days of the date of the mailing and posting of the Board's Order to Abate, that representatives of the Code Enforcement Department are authorized to obtain the services of a contractor, upon consent of the owner or receipt of a Court Order authorizing entry onto the real property when necessary under applicable law, to restore or remediate the property so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion.
- (5) The reasonable costs of abatement, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, shall be imposed as a lien on the real property, which may be collected as a special assessment against the real property pursuant to Government Code Section 25845 and Ordinance No. 725.
- (6) Upon the restoration or remediation of the property and payment of all abatement costs assessed against the property the five (5) year hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals will be lifted.
- (7) County Counsel be directed to prepare the necessary Findings of Facts and Conclusions that the grading without a permit on the real property is declared to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 and a public nuisance, and further, to prepare an Order to Abate for approval by the Board.

JUSTIFICATION:

- 1. An inspection was made of the subject property by the Code Enforcement Officer on July 3, 2007. The inspection revealed grading on the property that caused deviation from the natural topography in violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 (RCC Title 15). The Officer estimated that at least two hundred and ninety-two (292) cubic yards of dirt has been graded. A search of Riverside County records indicates that no permit for grading has been obtained. This creates a public and attractive nuisance.
- 2. Follow-up inspections on January 4, 2008, August 26, 2008, January 16, 2009, Septembe 10, 2009, and November 13, 2009 revealed that the property continues to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457.
- 3. Staff and the Code Enforcement Department have complied with the notice requirements set forth in the appropriate laws of this jurisdiction pertaining to the administrative abatement proceedings for grading without a permit.