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





FROM: County Counsel/TLMA

Code Enforcement Department

SUBJECT: Order to Abate [Grading Without a Permit]

Case No.: CV 08-02002 (HAMMOND)

Subject Property: 37200 Remuda Drive, Temecula; APN 915-380-016

District Three

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that

- **(1)** The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 08-02002 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 08-02002; 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 08-02002.

BACKGROUND:

Departmental Concurrence

On January 26, 2010, this Board received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer in the abovereferenced matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, this Board declared the illegal 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

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: Current F.Y. Net County Cost: Annual Net County Cost: | \$ N/A \$ N/A \$ N/A | In Current Year Budg Budget Adjustment: For Fiscal Year: | |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: | | | | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 |
| C.E.O. RECOMM | IENDATION: APPROVE | | | Requires 4/5 Vote |

County Executive Office Signature

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.: Exec. Ofc.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 01/26/10; 9.3

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| 1 2 | RECORDING REQUESTED BY: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors | |
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| 5 | WHEN RECORDED PLEASE MAIL TO: Julie Jarvi, Deputy County Counsel | |
| 6 | County of Riverside OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL | |
| 7 | 3960 Orange Street, Fifth Floor (Stop #1350) | [FIXED OF 1/100] |
| 8 | Riverside, CA 92501 | [EXEMPT '6103] |
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| 10 | COUNTY OF RI | VERSIDE |
| 11 | IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE: |) CASE NO. CV 08-02002 |
| 12 | [UNAPPROVED GRADING]; APN: 915-380-016, |) . |
| 13 | 37200 REMUDA DRIVE, TEMECULA, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, DAVID |) FINDINGS OF FACT,) CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO |
| 14 | IRWIN HAMMOND, OWNER. |) ABATE NUISANCE) |
| 15 | | [R.C.O. Nos. 457 (RCC Title 15) and 725 (RCC Title 1)] |
| 16 | The above-captioned matter came on regularly | y for hearing on January 26, 2009, before the |
| 17 | Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, Stat | e of California in the Board Room, First Floor |
| 18 | Annex, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon S | Street, Riverside, California regarding the real |
| 19 | property described as 37200 Remuda Drive, Temecul | a, Riverside County, APN: 915-380-016, and |
| 20 | referred to hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY." | |
| 21 | Jonathan D. Holub, Deputy County Counsel, a | appeared along with Brian Black, Supervising |
| 22 | Code Enforcement Officer, on behalf of the Director | of the Code Enforcement Department. |
| 23 | No one appeared on behalf of Owner. | |
| 24 | The Board of Supervisors received the Declara | ation of the Code Enforcement Officer together |
| 25 | with the attached Exhibits, evidencing the unapprove | ed grading on THE PROPERTY as a public |
| 26 | nuisance and violation of Riverside County Ordinance | No. 457 as codified in Riverside County Code |
| 27 | Title 15. | |
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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

- 1. Documents of record in the Riverside County Recorder's Officeidentify the Owner of THE PROPERTY as David Irwin Hammond ("OWNER").
- 2. Documents of title indicate that other parties potentially holds a legal interest in THE PROPERTY, to wit: Larry Hayes and Catherine Hayes and Internal Revenue Service ("INTERESTED PARTIES").
- 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on March 7, 2008, January 23, 2009, September 18, 2009, December 28, 2009 and January 22, 2010.
- 4. During each inspection, grading was observed on THE PROPERTY without permits and which deviated from the natural topography.
- 5. THE PROPERTY was determined to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 (RCC Title 15) by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 6. A Notice of Noncompliance was recorded on March 27, 2008 as Document Number 2007-0150092 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.
- 7. On March 7, 2008, a Notice of Violation for Unapproved Grading was posted on THE PROPERTY. On December 12, 2008, a Notice of Violation was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to OWNER and INTERESTED PARTIES.
- 8. On December 28, 2009, a "Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors was posted on THE PROPERTY and on December 24, 2009 was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to OWNER and INTERESTED PARTIES.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on January 26, 2010 finds and concludes that:

1. WHEREAS, the unapproved grading on the real property located at 37200 Remuda Drive, Temecula, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 915-380-016 violates Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 and constitutes a public nuisance and attractive nuisance.

- 2. WHEREAS, THE OWNER, occupants and any person having possession or control of THE PROPERTY should abate the condition by restoring THE PROPERTY to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90) days.
- 3. WHEREAS, THE OWNER IS HEREBY FURTHER NOTICED that a five (5) year hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals may be placed on THE PROPERTY. Upon restoration of the property and payment of the lien the five (5) year hold on the building permit issuance and land use approvals will be released.
- 4. WHEREAS, THE OWNER IS HEREBY FURTHER NOTICED that the time within which judicial review of the administrative determinations made herein must be sought is ninety (90) days from the posting and mailing of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order To Abate Nuisance, and is governed by <u>California Code of Civil Procedure</u> Section 1094.6.

ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY located 37200 Remuda Drive, Temecula, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 915-380-016 be abated by the OWNER, and anyone having possession or control of THE PROPERTY, by restoring THE PROPERTY to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90) days of the posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY is not restored to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90) days of the posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the unapproved grading shall be abated by representatives of the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department, a contractor, or the Sheriff's Department upon receipt of the owner's consent or a Court Order, where necessary, under applicable law authorizing entry onto THE

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reasonable abatement costs, after notice and opportunity for hearing, shall be imposed as a lien on THE PROPERTY, which may be collected as a special assessment against THE PROPERTY pursuant to Government Code section 25845 and Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 725. Under Riverside County Ordinance 725, "abatement costs" means "any costs or expenses reasonably related to the abatement of conditions which violate County Land Use Ordinances, and shall include, but not be limited to, enforcement, investigation, collection and administrative costs, attorneys fees, and the costs associated with the removal or correction of the violation." Reasonable abatement costs accrued by the Code Enforcement Department will be recoverable from the property owner(s) even if THE PROPERTY is brought into compliance within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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| | Marion Ashley Chairman, Board of Sun | ervisor |

ATTEST:

KECIA HARPER-IHEM

Clerk to the Board

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Deputy

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