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

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FROM: County Counsel/TLMA

**Code Enforcement Department** 

**SUBJECT**: Order to Abate [Grading Without a Permit]

Case No.: CV 08-01701 (SAPIENT PROVIDENCE, LLC)

Subject Property: 40825 Thelma Circle, Temecula, APN 927-470-012

District Three

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that

- (1) The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 08-01701 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 08-01701; 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 08-01701.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Departmental Concurrence

On June 8, 2010, 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 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.

Order to Abate. L. ALEXANDRA FONG, Deputy County Counsel for PAMELA J. WALLS, County Counsel **Current F.Y. Total Cost:** In Current Year Budget: \$ N/A N/A **FINANCIAL Current F.Y. Net County Cost: Budget Adjustment:** N/A \$ N/A DATA **Annual Net County Cost:** For Fiscal Year: \$ N/A N/A **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 Requires 4/5 Vote APPROVE C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

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Dep't Recomm.. Per Exec. Ofc.:

Consent

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: 06/08/10; 9.27

District: 3

Agenda Number:

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1	RECORDING REQUESTED BY: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the
2	Board of Supervisors (Stop #1010)
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5	WHEN RECORDED PLEASE MAIL TO: L. Alexandra Fong, Deputy County Counsel
6	County of Riverside OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
7	3960 Orange Street, Fifth Floor (Stop #1350)
8	Riverside, CA 92501 [EXEMPT '6103]
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0	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
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2	IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE: ) CASE NO. CV 08-01701 [UNAPPROVED GRADING]; APN: 927-470-012, )
3	40825 THELMA CIRCLE, TEMECULA, ) FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO
4	PROVIDENCE, LLC, OWNER.  ABATE NUISANCE
5	) [R.C.O. Nos. 457 (RCC Title 15) and ) 725 (RCC Title 1)]
6	The above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing on June 8, 2010, before the Board
7	of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in the Board Room, First Floor Annex,
8	County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California regarding the real property
9	described as 40825 Thelma Circle, Temecula, Riverside County, APN: 927-470-012, and referred to
20	hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY."
21	L. Alexandra Fong, Deputy County Counsel, 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 Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer together
25	with the attached Exhibits, evidencing the unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY as a public
26	nuisance and violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 as codified in Riverside County Code
7	Title 15.
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#### **SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE**

- 1. Documents of record in the Riverside County Recorder's Office identify the Owner of THE PROPERTY as Sapient Providence, LLC ("OWNER").
- 2. Documents of title indicate that other parties may potentially hold a legal interest in THE PROPERTY, to wit: Lisa C. Hitchens, Roger and Thelma Miller and Washington Mutual Bank C/O Quality Loan Service Corporation ("INTERESTED PARTIES").
- 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on April 3, 2009, June 8, 2009, January 5 and 28, 2010, and April 13, 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 April 23, 2009, as Document Number 2009-0199026 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.
- 7. On April 3, 2009, a Notice of Violation for Unapproved Grading was posted on THE PROPERTY. On April 6, 2009, a Notice of Violation was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to OWNER and on May 4, 2009, was mailed to INTERESTED PARTIES by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 8. On April 12, 2010, a "Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to OWNER and INTERESTED PARTIES and on April 13, 2010, was posted on THE PROPERTY.

## **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on June 8, 2010 finds and concludes that:

1. WHEREAS, the unapproved grading on the real property located at 40825 Thelma Circle, Temecula, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 927-470-012 violates Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 and constitutes a public nuisance and attractive

- 2. WHEREAS, 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 Section 1094.6</u>.

### **ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the unapproved grading on THE PROPERTY located 40825 Thelma Circle, Temecula, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 927-470-012 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

1 consent or a Court Order, where necessary, under applicable law authorizing entry onto THE 2 PROPERTY. 3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reasonable abatement costs, after notice and opportunity 4 for hearing, shall be imposed as a lien on THE PROPERTY, which may be collected as a special 5 assessment against THE PROPERTY pursuant to Government Code section 25845 and Riverside 6 County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 725. Under Riverside County Ordinance 725, "abatement costs" 7 means "any costs or expenses reasonably related to the abatement of conditions which violate County 8 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 10 violation." Reasonable abatement costs accrued by the Code Enforcement Department will be 11 recoverable from the property owner(s) even if THE PROPERTY is brought into compliance within 12 ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance. 13 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE** 14 By 15 Marion Ashlev Chairman, Board of Supervisors 16 ATTEST: 17 KECIA HARPER-IHEM 18 Clerk to the Board 19 20 21 By 22 Deputy 23 (SEAL) 24 25 26 27

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