

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

301B



**FROM:** County Counsel/TLMA  
Code Enforcement Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
March 29, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Abatement of Public Nuisance [Grading Without Permits]  
Case No: CV 07-9936 [NELISSEN]  
Subject Property: 49125 Cat Canyon Rd., Palm Desert; APN: 628-390-002  
District: Four/Four

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that:

1. The grading without permits on the real property located at 49125 Cat Canyon Rd., Palm Desert, Riverside County, California, APN: 628-390-002 be declared a public nuisance and a violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 which prohibits grading of more than fifty (50) cubic yards without a grading permit.
2. That a five (5) year hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals be placed on the property.

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PATRICIA MUNROE, Deputy County Counsel  
for PAMELA J. WALLS, County Counsel

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:   
Tina Grande

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4/4

Agenda Number:

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3. Owner, Clint Nelissen, or whoever has possession and control of the subject real property, be directed to restore the unpermitted grading so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion on the property within ninety (90) days.
4. If the owner or whoever has possession or control of the real property does not take the above described actions 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 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 Nos. 725.
6. That upon the restoration of the property, so as to prevent offsite drainage and slope erosion, 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.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. An inspection was made of the subject property by the Code Enforcement Officer on September 17, 2009. The inspection revealed stock piles of raw dirt on the property in violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457. The Officer estimates that approximately four hundred ninety three (493) cubic yards of dirt has been graded. A search of Riverside County records indicates that no permit for grading has been obtained.
2. Follow-up inspections on November 10, 2009, March 15, 2010, November 17, 2010, December 9, 2010, May 17, 2011, October 4, 2011, and December 8, 2011, 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.