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 [Substandard Structure & Accumulated Rubbish]

Case No.: CV13-02910 [CONAWAY]

Subject Property: 18625 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore; APN: 371-210-002

District: 1/1 [\$0.00]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV13-02910 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. CV13-02910; 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. CV13-02910.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Departmental Concurrence

On June 3, 2014, 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 substandard structure (dwelling) and accumulated rubbish on the subject property to be a public nuisance. The Board ordered

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PATRICIA MUNROE Deputy County Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	0	ngoing Cost:	(per Exec. Office) Consent Policy □	
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$			
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$		Consent Policy	
SOURCE OF FUNDS:					Budget Adjus	et Adjustment:	
					For Fiscal Year:		

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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□ Prev. Agn. Ref.: 06/03/14; 9.4

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FORM 11: Order to Abate [Substandard Structure & Accumulated Rubbish]

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District: 1/1 [\$0.00]

DATE:

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

the property owner to abate the violative conditions on the property and directed County Counsel to prepare Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

When property owners abate nuisances on their property, the surrounding neighborhood's safety, attractiveness and land values are potentially increased.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Findings of Fact

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1	RECORDING REQUESTED BY:					
2	Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors					
3	(Stop #1010)					
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6	WHEN RECORDED PLEASE MAIL TO: Michelle Cervantes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer					
7	Regina Keyes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT					
8	4080 Lemon Street, Twelfth Floor (Stop #1012) Riverside, CA 92501 [EXEMPT GC §§ 6103 and 27383]					
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10	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE					
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12	IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE:) CASE NO. CV 13-02910 [SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AND)					
13	ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH];) FINDINGS OF FACT, APN 371-210-002, 18625 GRAND AVENUE,) CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO					
14	LAKE ELSINORE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY,) ABATE NUISANCE CALIFORNIA; RETA CONAWAY, OWNER.)					
15) R.C.O. Nos. 457, 541 and 725					
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17	The above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing on June 3, 2014, before the Board					
18	of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in the Board Room, First Floor Annex,					
19	County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California regarding the real property					
20	described as 18625 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, Riverside, Assessor's Parcel Number 371-210-					
21	002 and referred to hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY."					
22	Patricia Munroe, Deputy County Counsel, appeared along with Michelle Cervantes, Senior					
23	Code Enforcement Officer, on behalf of the Director of the Code Enforcement Department.					
24	Owner did not appear.					
25	The Board of Supervisors received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer together					
26	with attached Exhibits, evidencing the substandard structure and accumulation of rubbish on THE					
27	PROPERTY as violations of Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 541, and as a public					

nuisance.

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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 Reta Conaway ("OWNER").
- 2. Documents of title indicate that no other parties may potentially hold a legal interest in THE PROPERTY.
- 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on July 8, 2013, July 16, 2013, August 14, 2013, September 9, 2013, December 2, 2013, and February 4, 2014.
- 4. During each inspection, a substandard structure (dwelling) was observed on THE PROPERTY. The structure was observed to be dilapidated. The structure contained numerous deficiencies, including but not limited to: lack of or improper water closet, lavatory, bathtub, shower or kitchen sink; hazardous plumbing; hazardous wiring; lack of adequate heating facilities; deteriorated or inadequate foundation; defective or deteriorated flooring or floor supports; members of ceilings, roofs, ceiling and roof supports or other horizontal members which sag, split, or buckle due to defective material or deterioration; dampness of habitable rooms; faulty weather protection; general dilapidation or improper maintenance.
- 5. During each inspection an accumulation of rubbish was observed throughout THE PROPERTY consisting of but not limited to: household trash and discarded furniture in excess of 500 square feet.
- 6. THE PROPERTY was determined to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 541 by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 7. A Notice of Pendency of Administrative Proceedings was recorded on August 16, 2013, as Document Number 2013-0402653 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.
- 8. On July 8, 2013, a Notice of Violation, Notice of Defects, a "Danger Do Not Enter" and a "Do Not Dump" sign were posted on THE PROPERTY. At this time and upon further research, it was discovered that the PROPERTY OWNER was deceased and that family members Little Fawn, Timothy Jones and Diana Jones had been paying property taxes on THE PROPERTY. Collectively, Little Jones, Timothy Jones and Diana Jones are referred to as ("INTERESTED")

PARTIES"). Additionally, THE PROPERTY is occupied by Bobby Kisner (hereinafter referred to as "OCCUPANT").

- 9. On August 13, 2013 and November 12, 2013, a Notice of Violation and Notice of Defects were mailed to OWNER and OCCUPANT by first class mail.
- 10. A "Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors, was mailed to OWNER and INTERESTED PARTIES and 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 3, 2014, finds and concludes that:

- 1. WHEREAS, the substandard structure (dwelling) and accumulation of rubbish on the real property located at 18625 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 371-210-002 violates Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 541 and constitutes a public nuisance.
- 2. WHEREAS, the OWNER, occupants and any person having possession or control of THE PROPERTY shall abate the substandard structure conditions by razing, removing and disposing of the substandard structure, including the removal and disposal of all structural debris and materials, and contents therein or by reconstruction and rehabilitation of said structure provided that said reconstruction or demolition can be accomplished 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, occupants and any other person having possession or control of THE PROPERTY shall abate the accumulation of rubbish by removing and disposing of all rubbish on THE PROPERTY in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 541 within ninety (90) days.
- 4. WHEREAS, the OWNER AND INTERESTED PARTIES ARE 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</u> Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the substandard structure (dwelling) on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNER, or anyone having possession or control of THE PROPERTY, by razing and removing the substandard structure including the removal and disposal of all structural debris and materials, as well as the contents therein, or by reconstruction and rehabilitation of said structure provided such reconstruction and rehabilitation can be accomplished 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 the substandard structure is not razed, removed and disposed of, or reconstructed and rehabilitated 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 substandard structure, contents therein, and structural debris and materials, may 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 PROPERTY.

FURTHERMORE, the OWNER is ordered to ascertain the existence or non-existence of asbestos containing materials in said structures by survey and materials sample testing by a duly licensed and certified asbestos consultant; and, prior to the abatement ordered hereinabove, to secure the removal of all asbestos containing materials discovered through such survey and testing by contract with a duly certified and licensed contractor for the handling of such materials to avoid citations and/or fines by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the accumulation of rubbish on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNER or anyone having possession or control of THE PROPERTY, by removing and disposing of all rubbish from THE PROPERTY in strict accordance with all Riverside County

Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 541 within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the accumulation of rubbish is not removed and disposed of in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 541 within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the accumulation of rubbish may be abated by representatives of the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department, a contractor or the Sheriff's Department upon receipt of an owner's consent or a Court Order when necessary under applicable law.

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, 541, and 725. Under Riverside County Ordinance No. 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

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1	Department will be recoverable from the OWNER even if THE PROPERTY is brought into					
2	compliance within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.					
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4	Dated: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE					
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6	By					
7	Chairman, Board of Supervisors					
8	A CONTROL OF					
9	ATTEST: KECIA HARPER-IHEM					
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11	Clerk to the Board					
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