

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



**ITEM: 3.8**  
(ID # 30125)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026

**FROM :** FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** FIRE DEPARTMENT: Setting the Public Hearing of Resolution No. 2026-053 Authorization for the Abatement of FIRE DEPARTMENT: Hazardous Vegetation and Orchard Abatement Administrative Fee Under Ordinance No. 695 Requiring the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and Ordinance No. 772 Abatement of Abandoned or Neglected Orchards, Groves or Vineyards, & Ancillary Weeds & Debris; All Districts. [\$74,860 Estimated Revenue] (Set for Public Hearing on June 23, 2026)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Clerk of the Board to set a public hearing for June 23, 2026, Set Resolution No. 2026-053 Authorization for the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and Orchard Abatement Administrative Fee Under Ordinance No. 695 Requiring the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and Ordinance No. 772 Abatement of Abandoned or Neglected Orchards, Groves or Vineyards, & Ancillary Weeds & Debris, superseding Resolution No. 2011-080, and the proposed administrative fee for Hazardous Vegetation and Orchard Abatement; and,
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise pursuant to Section 6062a of the Government Code.

**ACTION: Consent**

  
Geoff Pemberton, Chief Deputy County Fire

4/28/2026

  
Robert Fish, Fire Department Chief

4/28/2026

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and is set for public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 12, 2026  
xc: Fire, COB/AG

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	26/27

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In accordance with the Board of Supervisor’s policy number B-4 Rates Charged for Current Services, County Departments may evaluate existing rates for services and make recommendations for changes.

Riverside County Ordinance No. 695 Requiring the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation established an on-going program to abate hazardous vegetation, while at the same time protecting rare and sensitive plant and animal species and the environment. Riverside County Ordinance No. 772 Abatement of Abandoned or Neglected Orchards, Groves or Vineyards, & Ancillary Weeds & Debris requires the abatement of neglected orchards, groves or vineyards in the County of Riverside. The purpose of the Hazard Reduction program is to reduce or eliminate fire hazards created by vegetative growth and the accumulation of combustible debris, which poses a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the vicinity of any real property. Fire Prevention Technicians annually inspect unimproved parcels and orchards within the unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside, as defined by Ordinance No. 695 and Ordinance 772. On October 16, 1990, Agenda Item #10.7, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 695. On October 14, 1997, Agenda Item # 12.3 the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 772.

In collaboration with the Auditor Controller’s Office, the Fire Department has updated the abatement of hazardous vegetation administrative fee. The proposed fee includes Orchard Abatement with our existing Hazardous Vegetation Abatement. The fee was determined by using actual costs for FY 2024/25.

We are requesting that the Board of Supervisors direct the Clerk of the Board to set a Public Hearing in order to amend the administrative fee for hazardous vegetation and orchard abatement and adopt Resolution No. 2026-053 at the close of the Public Hearing. The updated Administrative Fee will be effective July 1, 2026.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The Hazard Reduction program is designed to protect life, property and the environment. Voluntary compliance is the primary goal for the program. Each parcel owner is provided with the opportunity to abate the property prior to the County’s conducting the abatement. The

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administrative fee is added to the cost to abate. Residents and businesses' costs will increase due to the proposed administrative rate.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The Auditor Controller's Office has reviewed the proposed rate. The rate is calculated based on fiscal year 2024/25. The department estimates receiving \$74,860 of revenue in FY 26/27. This amount is included in the FY 26/27 estimated revenue budget; therefore, no budget adjustment is required.

**SCHEDULE A.      HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Weed/Orchard Abatement	\$ 254 per parcel	\$ 380 per parcel

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution No. No. 2026-053 Authorization for the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and Orchard Abatement Administrative Fee Under Ordinance No. 695 Requiring the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation and Ordinance No. 772 Abatement of Abandoned or Neglected Orchards, Groves or Vineyards, & Ancillary Weeds & Debris

  
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Rene Casillas, Internal Audits Chief      4/29/2026

  
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Rebecca S. Cortez, Principal Management Analyst      5/5/2026

  
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Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel      4/30/2026

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-053

3 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ABATEMENT OF  
4 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND ORCHARD ABATEMENT  
5 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 695  
6 REQUIRING THE ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND  
7 ORDINANCE NO. 772 ABATEMENT OF ABANDONED OR NEGLECTED ORCHARDS,  
8 GROVES OR VINYARDS & ANCILLARY WEEDS & DEBRIS

9 WHEREAS, on April 10, 1990, the Board of Supervisors declared hazardous vegetation  
10 to be a public nuisance and provided for the abatement of said hazardous vegetation within  
11 certain designated areas of the western portion of the unincorporated area of Riverside County  
12 pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 14875, et seq.; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 1, 1990, this Board held a public hearing and pursuant to Health and  
14 Safety Code Section 14900.5, declared the nuisance created by hazardous vegetation to be a  
15 seasonal and recurrent nuisance thereby allowing for the abatement of said vegetation growing  
16 on said parcels every year without the need of any further hearing; and

17 WHEREAS, on October 16, 1990, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 695, an ordinance  
18 of the County of Riverside requiring the abatement of hazardous vegetation; and

19 WHEREAS, on October 16, 1990, this Board held a public hearing to consider all  
20 comments and objections to establishing such fees in connection with enforcement of this  
21 ordinance; and

22 WHEREAS, said ordinance took effect thirty days from the date of adoption; and

23 WHEREAS, on October 14, 1997, the Board of Supervisors declared all neglected or  
24 abandoned orchards, groves or vineyards with dead or decaying trees, vines and plants to be a  
25 public nuisance and provided for the abatement of said hazardous orchards; and

26 WHEREAS, on October 14, 1997, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 772, an ordinance  
27 of the County of Riverside requiring the abatement of neglected Orchards, Groves or Vineyards;  
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WHEREAS, said ordinance took effect thirty days from the date of adoption; and

1           WHEREAS, Section 7 of said ordinance allows that the administrative fee may be set by  
2 resolution; and

3           WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the County of Riverside now finds it necessary and  
4 appropriate to amend the administrative fee for the abatement of hazardous vegetation and the  
5 abatement of hazardous orchards; and

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board  
7 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on  
8 June 23, 2026 in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors, located on the 1st floor of the  
9 County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA, and following a public hearing  
10 that Resolution No. 2026-053 is adopted and the administrative fee identified as Schedule A are  
11 hereby approved by this resolution.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of the  
13 Board shall advertise pursuant to Government Code Section 6062a.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that Resolution No. 11-  
15 080, heretofore adopted by this Board of Supervisors on June 28, 2011, is hereby rescinded is  
16 superseded by Resolution No. 2026-053 effective July 1, 2026.

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