

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



ITEM: 21.1
(ID # 30127)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Public Hearing and Adoption of 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; All Districts. [\$74,860 Estimated Revenue]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt 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.

ACTION:Set for Hearing


Geoff Pemberton, Chief Deputy County Fire

4/28/2026



Robert Fish, Fire Department Chief

4/28/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 23, 2026
xc: Fire

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| COST | \$ N/A | \$ N/A | \$ N/A | \$ N/A |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ N/A | \$ N/A | \$ N/A | \$ N/A |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A | | | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: | 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.

The Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed 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

Rene Casillas *Rebecca S Cortez*

Rene Casillas, Internal Audits Chief 4/29/2026 Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 6/15/2026

Aaron Gettis

Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 6/3/2026

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;
28 and

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

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: AARON C. GETTIS 6-3-26 DATE

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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10 ROLL CALL:

11 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

12 Nays: None

13 Absent: None

14 Abstain: None

15 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
16 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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18 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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20 By:  _____

21 Deputy

Flores, Kate

From: Anna Miller <annamiller06@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 10:49 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Cc: Mora-Rodriguez, Elizabeth; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Subject: Written Opposition to GPA240040 / Proposed 70-Lot Development in B Bar H Ranch Area

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To the Clerk of the Board and Riverside County Planning Department,

I am submitting this written comment in opposition to GPA240040 and the proposed change from Rural Residential to Community Development: Medium Density Residential for the parcels located south of 18th Avenue, north of 20th Avenue, east of Bubbling Wells Road, and west of Mountain View Road.

I previously appeared in person at the earlier hearing with Ron Goldman and spoke in opposition to this proposal. I am unable to attend the June 23, 2026 hearing, but I want my continued opposition entered into the public record.

My concerns remain the same.

This area does not have the infrastructure to support approximately 70 additional homes. The roads, traffic flow, public services, water supply, drainage, emergency access, and general County infrastructure in this rural area are already limited. Adding this level of density is not appropriate for this location.

B Bar H Ranch and the surrounding area have a long-established rural residential character. This proposal would substantially change that character and create pressures the area is not designed to handle.

Over the years, I have worked with Riverside County on neighborhood improvements, including road safety, signage, traffic concerns, cleanup efforts, code enforcement issues, and basic infrastructure matters. Those efforts were made because this area already requires careful County attention and support. Increasing density here before the infrastructure exists is not responsible planning.

There are more appropriate areas for higher-density residential development within or near Desert Hot Springs where infrastructure, roads, utilities, services, and planning are better suited for that purpose. This particular location should remain consistent with its rural residential designation and character.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the Board not approve or advance GPA240040 and that my objection be made part of the official record.

Sincerely,

Anna Miller
B Bar H Ranch Resident

Flores, Kate

From: Mora-Rodriguez, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 9:08 AM
To: Anna Miller; Clerk of the Board
Cc: District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Subject: RE: Written Opposition to GPA240040 / Proposed 70-Lot Development in B Bar H Ranch Area

Good morning, Anna,

Your comments have been received. Please be advised that this item is scheduled to be continued to the Board of Supervisors' public hearing on August 25, 2026. The comments received today will also be added to the project file for GPA240040 for that upcoming meeting.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Mora-Rodriguez
Senior Planner
Planning Department
TLMA – Riverside County
Direct Line: 951.955.3024

From: Anna Miller <annamiller06@msn.com>
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