

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 6/5/06
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
Agenda Date: 06/20/06
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 6/20/06- 5minutes, 7/11/06
15min.
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

**STAFF
CONTACT:** Randy Coleman, Fire Marshal
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SUBJECT: Request to Set Public Hearing for 2006 Hazard Reduction Program

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Set July 11, 2006 for a Public Hearing to: declare all properties whose owners have been notified to abate and have not complied as a fire nuisance, and authorize the issuance of misdemeanor citations and necessary abatement work relative to the 2006 Fire Department Hazard Reduction Program (Weed Abatement); and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the affected Property Owners List in a place easily accessible to the public.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Fire Department's Hazard Reduction (Weed Abatement) Program is an on-going annual program to mitigate fire hazards countywide, while providing defensible space to protect lives and property. The program is mandated by State Health and Safety Code and its penalties governed by law.

This request for a public hearing is required by your Board and is standard procedure for the Hazard Reduction Program. A sample of the "NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE HAZARD" sent to the affected property owners is attached. The notice also indicates the date and time of the Public Hearings and ensures them the opportunity and right to express their views.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None related to this action.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board is requested to follow normal publishing guidelines for notice.
Please send a copy of the minute order to the attention of Rose Pueschel, Fire Department.

Concurrence:

Attachment: Sample Notice