



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: June 16, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 7/7/09 10 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Tom Franklin, Fire Chief x5500
Director(s)
Contact Info: Rick Todd, Fire Marshal x5554

SUBJECT: Request to set Public Hearing for the 2009 Hazard Reduction Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Set July 7, 2009 for a Public Hearing to:
 - a. declare all properties, whose owners have not complied with a notice to abate, as a fire nuisance; and
 - b. authorize the issuance of infraction citations and necessary abatement work relative to the 2009 Fire Department Defensible Space 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.

Summary Text:

The Fire Department's Defensible Space Program is an on-going annual program to mitigate fire hazards countywide, while providing protection of lives and property. The program is mandated by the California Health and Safety Code and its penalties are governed by law.

This program provides a "Defensible Space" that allows firefighters to protect buildings and structures from encroaching wildfires as well as minimizing the chance that a structure fire will escape to the surrounding wildland.

This request for a public hearing is required by your Board and is standard procedure for the Defensible Space Program. A sample of the "Notice to Abate Fire Nuisance" sent to the affected property owners

is attached. The notice also indicates the date and time of the Public Hearing and ensures them the opportunity and right to express their views.

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.

Attachments:

Sample "Notice to Abate Fire Nuisance"
List of non-compliant parcels

Authored by:

Richard Todd, Fire Marshal

cc: