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«OwnerName»

«OwnerStreetAddress»

«OwnerCity», «OwnerState» «OwnerZip»

Subject: Parcel # «APN»

## **NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE NUISANCE**

**PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN CLEARED**  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE II, notice is hereby given that dry grass, dry leaves, weeds, stubble, brush, litter or other flammable material is present upon the property described in the subject of this notice and creates, in the opinion of the Santa Barbara County Fire Chief, a fire nuisance.

On June 26, 2007, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, as governing body of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, will meet in the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room to hear the report of the Fire Chief regarding this alleged nuisance.

Any person may attend such meeting and his or her objection, if any, to such report will be heard and given due consideration.

**Public Hearing Date: June 26, 2007      Time: 9:00 AM**

**WARNING! A misdemeanor citation will be issued to all property owners that do not comply by the compliance date. Issuance of a misdemeanor citation may require an appearance in court. If for any reason the Fire Department is forced to abate this hazard, the owner will pay all costs involved to include a contractor fee and an administrative fee of \$125.00 which will be added to the taxes assessed against the property.**

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### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARING PROPERTY**

- 1- Maintain a 100 foot defensible space area surrounding structures
  - A. Clear the 30 foot area immediately surrounding structure from all flammable vegetation
  - B. The remaining 70 feet is the fuel reduction zone created by vertical and horizontal spacing between trees and shrubs.
- 2- Clear flammable vegetation 10 feet from all roadways.

**Exception:** This section shall not apply to single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or cultivated ground cover such as green grass, ivy succulents, or similar plants used as ground covers, provided that they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire from the native growth to any structure.

**Note:** When clearing property to abate fire hazard, consideration should be given to potential environmental impact.  
When clearing vegetation, use care when operating equipment such as mowers. One small spark may cause a fire.

**COMPLIANCE DATE: JUNE 1, 2007**

**DIRECT INQUIRES TO STATION «Station» Phone «Phone»**

**THIS PROPERTY SHALL REMAIN FREE OF FIRE HAZARDS ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS**

**“HAZARD REDUCTION IS EVERY HOME OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY”**

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