



Council Agenda Report

From: Paul Patti, Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal

Subject: Approval of the Cost Report for Costs Incurred Abating Public Nuisance Parcels

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: July 18, 2023

Facts

1. On June 20, 2023, the City Council approved [Resolution 23-082](#), confirming weeds or noxious growth on specific properties within the City to be a nuisance.
2. "Notice to Abate" letters were mailed to the property owner address on file with the county assessor on two separate occasions; additional notice was mailed to each occupant of the physical address; and letters returned had the properties staked with a copy of the need to abate.
3. The City entered into a Maintenance Services Agreement with KD Jani to abate unaddressed properties. As of June 21, 2023, 15 of the initial 1,070 properties remained in violation and abatement work commenced.
4. Costs for each abated parcel were tracked and are attached as Exhibit A.

Options

1. Take no action.
2. Confirm the cost report including the associated administrative fees for submission to the County Auditor-Controller.
3. Amend or modify the resolution as submitted.
4. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

Through its delegated authority, Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services (PRFES) works to eliminate community fire hazards created by dry vegetation (weeds), consistent with Government Code sections 39561-39588 and Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 16.10. This work includes a public information campaign, letters to property owners, and occupants of parcels found in violation, and individual property assessments.

PRFES made reasonable attempts to achieve safety regulation compliance for those properties found in Exhibit A. These fifteen (15) properties nonetheless remained in violation and were abated to abatement ordinance standards, through an approved contractor.

Fiscal Impact

None for this action. Cost associated with the City ordered work will be recouped via direct invoice or through a special assessment lien on the negligent properties, if necessary. The charges for each of the

unabated properties covers the full cost of the abatement, including administrative oversight. The administrative costs incurred by the City for properties that did abate after receiving notice, are not recouped.

CEQA

The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 23-XXX, confirming the cost report of abated parcels described in Exhibit A including the associated administrative fees and submit to the County Auditor-Controller.

Attachments

1. Resolution 23-XXX
 - a. Exhibit A – Assessor’s Parcel Number, address, owner, invoice amount, and administrative fees.