



Council Agenda Report

From: Paul Patti, Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal

Subject: Approving the Cost Report for Costs Incurred Abating Public Nuisance Parcels and Directing the Costs be Forwarded to the County Auditor for Inclusion on the Next Tax Bill

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 16, 2024

Facts

1. On June 18, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution 24-077 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 18, 2023, 7 of the initial 715 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. Hear any objections to the cost report, confirm the cost report including the associated administrative fees for submission to the County Auditor-Controller and approve Resolution 24-XXX approving the cost report for costs incurred abating public nuisance parcels and directing the costs be forwarded to the County Auditor for inclusion on the next tax bill.
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 seven (7) properties nonetheless remained in violation and were abated to abatement ordinance standards, through an approved contractor. Between June 19, 2024, and June 30, 2024, the City's contractor, KD Jani, performed the abatement and has prepared the attached cost report for

review and approval by the City Council pursuant to PRMC 16.10.240. The cost report was posted for at least three days prior to its submission to the City Council on or near the chamber door of the City Council with a notice of the time of submission.

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 24-XXX, confirming the cost report of abated parcels described in Exhibit A including the associated administrative fees and directing staff to submit it to the County Auditor-Controller.

Attachments

1. Resolution 24-XXX – Cost Report for Weed Abated Parcels
 - a. Exhibit A – Assessor’s Parcel Number, address, owner, invoice amount, and administrative fees.