CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors AGENDA NO. **6.A.**

FROM: Ray Dienzo, Acting General Manager

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Meeting Date: April 13, 2023 Subject: Consideration of Adoption of

Resolution 16-2023 Declaring a Public Nuisance for the Annual Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction

Program

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 16-2023 declaring weeds and other hazardous wildland fuels a public nuisance within the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD).

- 2. Direct staff to proceed with mailing notices to abate and remove hazardous wildland fuels, to maintain community defensible space.
- 3. Direct staff to proceed with issuing a Request for Proposal ("RFP") to contractors to abate and remove the fuels and vegetation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All costs are billed directly to the property owners via the San Luis Obispo County property tax rolls.

DISCUSSION:

Each year the Fire Department conducts a Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program (FHFRP) to abate vegetation and hazardous wildland fire fuels.

The FHFRP is carried out pursuant to the authority contained in Government Code Sections 61100(d) and (t) and Health and Safety Code Sections 14875 et seq. and is initiated by the Board's adoption of a resolution declaring the vegetation and hazardous wildland fire fuels on the identified properties to be a public nuisance. In this respect it should be noted that the definition of "weeds" in Health and Safety Code Section 14875 includes, "Dry grass, stubble, brush, litter, or other flammable material which endangers the public safety by creating a fire hazard."

There are approximately 1,901 vacant parcels within the CCSD that Fire Department staff has identified for inclusion in the 2023 FHFRP. Notices are then sent to those property owners whose properties require abatement. The abatement deadline is July 14, 2023. In accordance with the procedures in the Health and Safety Code, a public hearing is being scheduled to be held on August 10, 2023. Thereafter, all parcels that were inspected and found to be non-compliant after the July 14, 2023 deadline are placed on a contract list and are abated by the CCSD's contractor. The number of properties requiring annual clearance by the CCSD's contractor typically varies from 50 to 150 parcels.

Based upon the procedure previously approved by the Board, non-compliant parcels cleared by the CCSD's contractor will be billed by the CCSD for the actual cost of clearance, plus a \$100 administrative fee if paid after being billed by the District. Billing not collected by December 15, 2023 will be collected by placement on the FY 2023-2024 County property tax roll and assessed the entire \$200 administrative fee that is provided for in the District's User Fee Schedule.

In addition, each year as part of the annual FHFRP, the CCSD contracts to provide for the removal of dangerous fuels and vegetation that have not been timely abated by property owners. A Request for Proposals ("RFP") will be issued seeking proposals from contractors to abate and remove the fuels and vegetation.

Attachments: Resolution 16-2023

Exhibit "A" to Resolution 16-2023

2023 FHFRP Schedule

2023 Notice to Property Owners