

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors

AGENDA NO. **6.A.**

FROM: William Hollingsworth, Fire Chief

Meeting Date: August 12, 2021

Subject: Public Hearing to Consider Resolution 28-2021 Ordering Abatement of Public Nuisance for the Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program (FHFRP)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Receive staff report.
2. Open Public Hearing, consider any protests or objections.
3. Close Public Hearing and make any modifications to the parcels listed in Exhibit "A" to Resolution 28-2021.
4. Adopt Resolution 28-2021 authorizing the Fire Chief to abate the nuisance by having the weeds and debris removed from the parcels listed in Exhibit "A."

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact to the CCSD is limited to paying the District's Contractor abatement charges and personnel time in processing inspections and billing. These costs are then recovered from the property owners by billing for reimbursement, plus administrative fees. Property owners that have parcels on the contract abatement list will be billed for services rendered by the District's Contractor, plus a \$100 administrative fee. Funds not recovered through this billing process will be placed on the County Tax Roll for fiscal year 2022/23, with an increased administrative fee of \$200.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the requirements of the Health and Safety Code, a Notice to Destroy Weeds and remove debris was sent to the owners of 1,861 parcels, which were identified and noticed for weed abatement this year. Many of these parcels were abated by parcel owners and/or their personal contractors prior to the inspection deadline. Of these 1,861 parcels, 215 did not pass inspection and have been placed on the contract abatement list (Exhibit "A").

The Board established the date of August 12, 2021 to hold a public hearing to consider any objections or protests to the abatement of the weeds. Under the provisions of the Health and Safety Code, the Board is to consider any protest and allow or overrule any or all objections. Thereafter, the Board acquires jurisdiction to have the abatement work accomplished by the District. The Board's decision is final.

By adoption of the attached Resolution, the Board will be ordering the abatement of the offending weeds and debris (Health and Safety Code Section 14900) and directing the Fire Chief to abate

them. Health and Safety Code Section 14900.5 also provides that the Board may declare the weed nuisance to be “seasonal and recurrent” and thereafter weeds and debris on parcels that have been designated as having seasonal and recurrent nuisances can be abated in future years without additional hearings. For such parcels, Health and Safety Code Section 14900.6 sets forth noticing requirements in the form of a postcard notice with certain required information. The attached Resolution includes language declaring the weeds and debris on the subject parcels to be seasonal and recurrent.

Attachments: Resolution 28-2021
Exhibit A to Resolution 28-2021