

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** Matt Peters, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** November 18, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Weed Abatement Special Assessment Resolution for Calendar Year 2025 for Placement on Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Assessment Rolls

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**PREPARED BY:** Vanessa Rivera, Senior Administrative Assistant

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TEMECULA ORDERING CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL  
ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE  
CITY OF TEMECULA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, FOR  
COSTS OF ABATEMENT AND REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS  
VEGETATION TO BE PLACED ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-  
2027 TAX ASSESSMENT ROLLS

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Temecula is responsible for the abatement of hazardous vegetation for properties that are not cleared of hazardous vegetation during the spring and summer abatement season. On April 8, 2025, the City Council approved an agreement with Inland Empire Property Services to bring parcels with hazardous conditions into compliance with the Temecula Municipal Code by abating hazardous vegetation on those properties. The owners of these parcels are billed by the City to recover the costs paid to the contractor plus an administrative fee. Pursuant to Temecula Municipal Code Section 8.16.090, if the owners do not pay the bill, the City is authorized to place a lien or special assessment on the property to recover the costs of abatement.

All owners were properly notified via certified mail, return receipt requested, of the need to abate hazardous vegetation conditions on their properties and were given thirty days to remove the hazardous vegetation themselves prior to the City taking forced abatement action. The properties that elected not to abate the hazardous vegetation conditions, and did not pay for the City's costs to abate are identified in Exhibit A.

As per the Temecula Municipal Code Section 8.16.090, the special assessment process requires that a public hearing be held before the City Council to take comments from the property owners with respect to the costs proposed to be assessed against their properties and to confirm those costs.

The Notice of Public Hearing was printed in the Press Enterprise on October 30, 2025. Following the public hearing, the City Council must adopt a resolution for the fiscal year which:

1. Confirms the costs incurred by the City in performing the forced abatement work.
2. Provides that the actual abatement costs will become a lien upon the properties, and upon recordation, in the amount of the costs shown on the attached Exhibit A.
3. Provides that the resolution will be transmitted to the Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector so the amounts of the assessment can be entered upon the parcels as they appear on the assessment rolls and the costs will be collected on the property tax bill.

Upon adoption of the resolution, staff will forward the adopted resolution for filing with the Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector and for recording with the County Recorder during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The recording of these special assessments will enable the City to recover abatement costs through the County's property tax collection system. The City will recover actual amounts paid out to the weed abatement contractor. The City will also recover an administrative fee placed on each parcel that was abated by the City's contractor.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. Resolution
  2. Exhibit A – Abatement Charges for FY 2026-27
  3. Notice of Public Hearing