

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council  
**FROM:** Luke Watson, Deputy City Manager  
**DATE:** July 25, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Adopt Weed Abatement Lien Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-24

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council 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 COSTS OF ABATEMENT AND  
REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2023-24

**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 May 1, 2020, City Manager approved an agreement with Inland Empire Property Services to bring parcels with hazardous conditions into compliance with the Temecula Municipal Code. The owners of these parcels are billed by the City to recover the costs of the contractor plus an administrative fee. If the owners do not respond to the billing request, the City places a lien 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. As such, these properties are included in Exhibit A.

As per the Temecula Municipal Code Section 8.16.090, the lien 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 July 13, 2023. 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The recording of these liens 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 2023-24
  3. Notice of Public Hearing