



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

South Pasadena City Council  
Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street  
Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council  
Robert S. Joe, Mayor  
Diana Mahmud, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers  
Michael A. Cacciotti; Marina Khubesrian, M.D.; Richard D. Schneider, M.D.

Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager  
Evelyn G. Zneimer, City Clerk  
Sally Kilby, Interim Chief Deputy City Clerk  
Teresa L. Highsmith, City Attorney

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment: *Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(a), members of the public will be provided with an opportunity to address any item described on the agenda only, at the time the matter is considered by the City Council.*

### Public Hearing

3. Public Hearing confirming charges assessed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Weed Abatement Division for weed clearance on respective parcels of land of unimproved private properties constituting a fire hazard

### Adjournment

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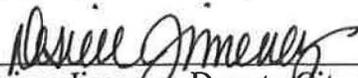


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07/20/2015

Date

  
Desiree Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

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# City of South Pasadena Agenda Report

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Richard D. Schneider, M.D., Councilmember

Evelyn G. Zneimer, City Clerk  
Gary E. Pia, City Treasurer

COUNCIL AGENDA: July 22, 2015  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
VIA: Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager *SA*  
FROM: Paul Riddle, Deputy Fire Chief *PR*  
SUBJECT: **Public Hearing Confirming Charges Assessed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Weed Abatement Division for Weed Clearance on Respective Parcels of Land of Unimproved Private Properties Constituting a Fire Hazard**

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing to hear any objections or protests from property owners related to the cost of abating the seasonal growth of hazardous weeds to prevent the spread of uncontrolled fires and confirm the weed clearance charges.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The City incurs no financial liability for the inspection or abatement of the brush and vegetation on the designated private properties. Property owners who elect not to abate vegetation fire hazards are assessed fees through the County of Los Angeles for inspection and abatement costs.

## **Commission Review and Recommendation**

This matter was not reviewed by a Commission.

## **Background**

98 South Pasadena property owners were notified by the Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture that the seasonal growth of brush and weeds on their unimproved property constitutes a fire hazard and needs to be abated. These potentially hazardous conditions need to be abated voluntarily or the County will abate them and assess the property owner for abatement costs according to the attached table of charges. Costs of abatement are added to the parcel owner's annual property tax assessment. Each property owner is mailed a notice of the charges, which includes information on the date and time of the protest hearing.

## **Analysis**

The vegetation management program offered through the County of Los Angeles is an efficient and effective method to mitigate the fire hazards associated with the annual growth of grass,

brush, and native vegetation. Fire Department staff works closely with the Agricultural Commissioner's office to respond to citizen questions relating to brush clearance and hazard abatement procedures.

**Legal Review**

The City Attorney has not reviewed this item.

**Public Notification of Agenda Item**

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, posting of the same agenda and reports on the City's website and/or notice in the *South Pasadena Review* and/or the *Pasadena Star-News*.

Attachment: 2014 - 2015 Report on the cost of weed abatement



**Kurt E. Floren**  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Director of Weights and Measures

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Department of  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Weights and Measures**

12300 Lower Azusa Road  
Arcadia, California 91006-5872  
<http://acwm.lacounty.gov>



**Richard K. Iizuka**  
Chief Deputy

July 15, 2015

The Honorable City Council  
City of South Pasadena  
1414 Mission Street  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Council Members:

**2014-2015 REPORT ON THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT**

Pursuant to State law, a report on the cost of weed abatement (enclosed) is being submitted to your Honorable Body for confirmation, by motion or resolution, on the 22nd day of July, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. A copy of the report must be posted on or near the chamber door of the City Council at least three days prior to its submission to your Honorable Body, with a notice of the time of submission.

It is my recommendation that your Honorable Body confirm these charges.

After your Honorable Body confirms the weed abatement charges, please send a copy of the confirmation to our Weed Abatement Division at the above address.

Respectfully yours,

**KURT E. FLOREN**  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Director of Weights and Measures

**RAYMOND B. SMITH**  
Deputy Director/Bureau Chief  
Weed Hazard and Pest Management Bureau

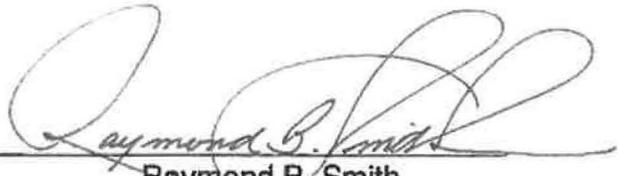
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Enclosures

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
  )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) SS  
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CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA    )

Raymond B. Smith, Deputy Director, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Weed Abatement Division of the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures office, of the County of Los Angeles, first being sworn, on oath states:

That on or before the 15th day of July, 2015, he posted or caused to be posted, on or near the chamber door of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, a copy of his report of the cost of noxious weed abatement on each and all of the properties described in the list hereto attached, of which the annexed is a true copy thereof, setting the 22nd day of July, 2015, as the date upon which said report is to be submitted to the City Council of the City of South Pasadena for confirmation.

  
Raymond B. Smith

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

22nd day of July, 2015

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City Clerk of City of South Pasadena  
State of California

**REPORT ON THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH PASADENA**

**Council Member:**

Pursuant to an order heretofore made by your Honorable Body instructing this Department to abate noxious or dangerous weeds and rubbish under the provisions of the Government Code, we respectfully submit the following report on the cost of abating such noxious weeds on each separate lot or parcel of land, showing the cost of removing such weeds on each separate lot or parcel of land, or in front thereof, or both, to-wit:

(see attached)

July 22, 2015

The foregoing report was submitted to the City Council of the City of South Pasadena on the 22nd day of July, 2015, for confirmation and was with all objections thereto duly received and considered, and was by said City Council confirmed, and the County Auditor is hereby ordered and instructed to enter the amounts of the respective assessment against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES

JULY 2, 2015

KEY	MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	ZONE	CITY CODE	TOTAL CHARGES
F	5308	002	064	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	002	070	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	002	072	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	020	027	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	021	001	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	022	002	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	022	003	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	022	004	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	022	005	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	022	009	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	023	004	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	023	007	06	654	\$594.29
F	5308	023	015	06	654	\$541.64
F	5308	024	017	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	024	034	06	654	\$951.14
F	5308	025	027	06	654	\$518.24
F	5308	027	007	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	027	008	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	027	016	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	027	017	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	027	018	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	027	019	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	027	020	06	654	\$746.39
F	5308	027	043	06	654	\$939.44
F	5308	027	044	06	654	\$1,226.09
F	5308	031	001	06	654	\$565.04
F	5308	031	039	06	654	\$787.34
F	5308	031	040	06	654	\$758.09
F	5308	031	041	06	654	\$752.24
F	5308	031	042	06	654	\$810.74
F	5308	032	006	06	654	\$512.39
F	5308	032	009	06	654	\$453.89
F	5308	032	012	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	032	043	06	654	\$746.39
F	5308	034	002	06	654	\$41.77
F	5308	034	003	06	654	\$41.77
F	5310	021	009	06	654	\$448.04
F	5310	022	003	06	654	\$611.84
F	5310	022	013	06	654	\$41.77
F	5310	026	003	06	654	\$41.77
F	5310	026	010	06	654	\$41.77
F	5310	026	011	06	654	\$41.77
F	5310	029	007	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	001	018	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	007	019	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	008	033	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	008	039	06	654	\$1,215.87
F	5311	009	055	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	009	056	06	654	\$41.77

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F	5311	009	057	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	009	058	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	010	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	012	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	015	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	022	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	027	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	028	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	029	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	010	030	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	011	048	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	014	042	06	654	\$1,190.24
F	5311	014	043	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	014	048	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	015	005	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	015	006	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	015	022	06	654	\$41.77
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F	5311	017	020	06	654	\$41.77
F	5311	017	021	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	002	005	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	002	007	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	002	008	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	002	009	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	002	025	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	016	014	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	016	015	06	654	\$746.39
F	5312	016	016	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	016	017	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	017	025	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	017	042	06	654	\$1,114.94
F	5312	017	043	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	017	044	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	017	049	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	020	012	06	654	\$41.77
F	5312	020	022	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	005	017	06	654	\$997.94
F	5314	005	021	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	005	045	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	006	005	06	654	\$1,206.14
F	5314	007	017	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	008	013	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	008	014	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	018	010	06	654	\$41.77
F	5314	026	050	06	654	\$41.77
F	5315	018	063	06	654	\$41.77
F	5317	018	004	06	654	\$41.77
F	5317	022	004	06	654	\$41.77
F	5317	026	003	06	654	\$41.77

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<b>TOTAL IMPROVED PARCELS =</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL UNIMPROVED PARCELS =</b>			<b>23</b>		<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>\$18,434.75</b>
<b>TOTAL INSPECTION FEE ONLY PCLS =</b>			<b>75</b>		<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>\$3,132.75</b>
<b>TOTAL PARCELS</b>			<b>98</b>		<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>\$21,567.50</b>