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### CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: November 20, 2018

#### Subject

Declare weeds to be a public nuisance and set hearing date of January 15 to consider objections for proposed removal

#### Recommended Action

Adopt Draft Resolution declaring weeds to be a public nuisance and setting a hearing date of January 15 to consider objections to proposed removal.

#### Discussion

Chapter 9.08 of the Cupertino Municipal Code requires property owners to remove or destroy weeds on their property for fire protection. The weed abatement process is in place to notify the property owners of this responsibility, authorize the County to remove the weeds if the property owner doesn't, and allow the County to recover the costs of abatement.

\*Please note that any fees waived by the Council will be billed to the City by the County to cover their cost of servicing the property.

The process consists of eight steps that begin in November and go through August of each year. At this time the process is at Step No. 2 on the list.

1. County prepares a report of all properties that have been non-compliant in removing weeds in the last three years and provides that report to the City (Nov).
2. City Council adopts a resolution declaring weeds a nuisance and setting a hearing date to hear objections by property owners to having their name on the report (Attachment B) (Dec).
3. County sends notice to the property owners on the report notifying them of the hearing date and explaining that they must remove weeds by the abatement deadline of April 30 or it will be done for them, and the cost of the abatement plus administrative costs assessed to their property (Dec).

4. City Council holds the hearing to consider objections by property owners and adopts a resolution ordering abatement (Jan).
5. County sends a courtesy letter to property owners on the report notifying them again of the abatement deadline and noting that they will work with the property owner to be sure the weeds are removed (Jan).
6. After April 30, the properties are inspected by the County to verify that weeds were removed and proceeds with abatement if the inspection fails. County makes an assessment report of all costs associated with the abatement and provides that report to the City (June-July).
7. City notifies the property owners on the assessment report notifying them of the hearing date. (July-Aug).
8. City Council holds a hearing, notes any disputes, and adopts a resolution putting a lien assessment on the properties to allow the County to recover the cost of weed abatement (July-Aug).

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Attachments:

A - Draft Resolution

B – 2019 Cupertino Commencement Report