ROCKLIN
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City Council Staff Report

Subject: Setting Date and Time for Weed Abatement Protest Hearing

Date: April 11, 2023

Submitted By: Justin Nartker, Director of Public Services
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Department: City Council

Recommendation:
Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Declaring Conditions at Locations within the City of Rocklin to be a Public Nuisance, Ordering Weed Abatement of Same, and Setting the Date and Time for a Protest Hearing.

Background:
The "Standards for Maintenance of Vacant Parcels" and the Rocklin Municipal Code, Chapter 8.12 require that the property owners of vacant parcels within the City clear their properties of weeds and debris thereby eliminating potential fire hazards.

As part of the weed abatement and rubbish program, the City has sent letters to approximately 160 property owners advising them of the timeframes involved and that failure to comply will result in the City performing the weed abatement and charging them for the service. A list of the parcels is included as Attachment 2. If payment is not made to the City, then a lien will be placed against the property.

Declaring the properties public nuisances will allow the City to take action in the event the owners do not complete the required weed abatement by June 1, 2023, and/or fail to address re-growth during the burn season.

To complete the weed and rubbish abatement process, the City is required to hold a notice to protest hearing to hear objections from any landowners whose property has been declared a nuisance. As required by statue, notices will be sent to the owners of the properties declared a nuisance, via certified letters mailed April 12, 2023, and the Protest Hearing will be set for the May 9, 2023 City Council Meeting.

After hearing the objections, if any, the City Council shall allow or overrule any objections. At that time, the City Council acquires jurisdiction to proceed and perform the work of removal, and by approving the attached resolution makes the order to proceed with abatement.

Fiscal Impact:
This is no direct impact to the General Fund for this project. A budget of $70,000 has been included in the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Operating Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Resolution
2. Resolution - Exhibit A