



## City Council Staff Report

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**Subject:** Special Assessments for Delinquent Weed Abatement Charges

**Date:** June 27, 2023

**Submitted By:** Angela Doyle, Senior Accountant

**Department:** Administrative Services - Finance

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**Recommendation:**

- A. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Imposing Special Assessments Against Certain Parcels for Delinquent Weed Abatement Charges.
- B. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Requesting the Collection of Special Assessments on the 2023/24 Tax Roll (Weed Abatement Charges).

**Background:**

Each year, the City notifies land owners of vacant properties that they must maintain their properties to minimize fire risk. If the properties are not properly abated by the land owners, the City has the right, under California Government Code Section 39501, California Government Code section 39560 et seq., and Rocklin Municipal Code section 8.12.010 to abate the properties and seek reimbursements for these costs.

On April 12, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-67, which identified parcels requiring abatement, ordered that such abatement be completed by June 1, 2022, and set a public hearing for April 26, 2022, to hear any protests. This Resolution also indicated the City may perform abatement on properties that were not properly abated by the owners and indicated that the City would bill the responsible land owner for any costs incurred by the City. Land owners of affected parcels were notified by mail of the public hearing and abatement requirements.

On April 26, 2022, the City Council held a public hearing and ordered the nuisance be abated. During the summer of 2022, Northern State Contractors Inc, performed abatement on properties that had not been abated by the owners and billed the City for its costs. The City then billed the property owners for fees associated with abating their land on September 2, 2022, and the City sent second notices in December 2022 to those property owners with unpaid invoices.

On May 9, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-171 accepting a report on the costs of abatement attributed to each delinquent parcel and set a public hearing on June 13, 2023, so that the City Council could consider placing special assessments for reimbursement

of delinquent weed abatement charges on the 2023/24 tax roll. Notice of the public meeting was sent to all owners of record, was posted on the City's web page, posted near the Council Chambers at least three (3) days prior to the hearing, and was published in the Placer Herald on May 25, 2023. Public Hearing was held June 13, 2023 and continued to June 27, 2023.

The first resolution (Attachment 1) authorizes the imposition of special assessments on properties that have delinquent weed abatement fees, and requests the County collect such assessments. The second resolution (Attachment 2) is required by Placer County for all direct charges the County collected on the City's behalf. It serves to indemnify the County for any errors in those tax rolls submitted by the City.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Placement of special assessments on the tax rolls would result in the City being reimbursed \$7,212.50 of weed abatement expenses and collecting \$1,081.92 of administrative fees.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution A - Assessment for Delinquent Weed Abatement](#)
2. [Resolution B - Requesting Collection of Delinquent Weed Abatement](#)