



## City Council Staff Report

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**Subject:** Vacant Property Weed Abatement

**Date:** April 9, 2024

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**Department:** Public Services

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**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:**

Rocklin Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 8.12 requires that the property owners of vacant parcels within the City clear their properties of weeds and debris thereby eliminating potential fire hazards. This requires continual maintenance, during the fire season, as weeds are seasonal and continue to grow making them a recurrent nuisance pursuant to Government Code Section 39562.1.

As part of the weed abatement and rubbish program, the City will send notification (Attachment 3) to approximately 170 property owners reminding them of their responsibility to maintain their parcels on an annual basis as well as provide them with the City Council-adopted Vegetation Maintenance Standards, the date for the protest hearing, and other pertinent timeframes involved. Failure to comply will result in the City performing the weed abatement and charging parcel owners for the services rendered. If payment is not made to the City, a lien will be placed against the property.

Declaring the private parcels a public nuisances will allow the City to take action in the event the owners do not complete the required weed abatement by June 1, 2024, and/or fail to address the re-growth issue during fire 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 statute, notices will be sent to the owners of the properties declared a nuisance, via certified letters mailed April 10, 2024, and the Protest Hearing will be set for the April 23, 2024 City Council Meeting. After hearing any objections, 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:**

There is no direct fiscal impact. The Weed Abatement project is included each year in the Operating Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A](#)
3. [Weed Abatement Notification](#)