RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTING WEED AND BRUSH ABATEMENT REPORT AND ORDERING COST OF ABATEMENT TO BE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Los Altos Hills County Fire District ("District"), pursuant to Resolution 94-4 adopted on December 13, 1994, declared weeds and brush a public nuisance and provided for their abatement, and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Resolution 94-1 adopted the procedures of the California Health and Safety Code Section 14875 et.seq. regarding weed abatement; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Resolution 97-1 entered into a contract with the County of Santa Clara to implement the procedures of the California Health and Safety Code Section 13879 et seq. regarding brush abatement, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 14-13 adopted on November 18, 2014, declared weeds or brush growing and/or rubbish on certain described properties to be a public nuisance and a noticed public hearing was held on January 13, 2015 to hear and consider objections; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 15-5, adopted on May 19, 2015 declared brush growing on certain described properties to be a public nuisance and a noticed public hearing was held on June 16, 2015 to hear and consider objections; and

WHEREAS, the attached Fire Marshal's written report filed with the Clerk of the Board, contains a description of each parcel of real property where weeds and/or brush were abated and shows the amount of the charge to be collected on the tax roll; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk set September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 12355 El Monte Avenue, Los Altos Hills, as the time and place when and where the Board would hear and consider all objections or protest, if any, to said report;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District does RESOLVE:

- The Fire Marshal's report and assessment list, as shown on the <u>Exhibit A</u>
 Assessment Report 2 attached hereto, is in all respects complete and correct and is hereby confirmed. The cost for abating weeds, as shown on <u>Exhibit A</u>
 Assessment Report 2, shall constitute special assessments against the respective parcels of land and shall be a lien on the property for the amount of the respective assessment.
- All written and oral protests or objections against the assessments are hereby overruled.
- 3. The unpaid assessments, as shown on Exhibit A Assessment Report 2 shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as general County taxes are collected, and be further subject to the same interest penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ordinary taxes. All laws and ordinances applicable to the levy and collection and enforcement of County taxes and are hereby made applicable to this special assessment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the District Board on the 15 of September 2015 by the following vote:

Commissioners:

YES:

Jeanne Evilsizer, Clerk					3 - 0.0
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Duffy Price, President					
PRESIDENT:					
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ABSENT:	Commissioners:				
ABSTAIN:	Commissioners:				
NO:	Commissioners:				
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County of Santa Clara

Agriculture and Environmental Management Weed Abatement Program

1553 Berger Drive, Bldg. 1 San Jose, California 95112 (408) 282-3145 FAX 286-2460



Parcel #:

Subject: Special Assessment for Weed Abatement

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you that your property was enrolled in the Weed Abatement Program and is being assessed a cost recovery fee for charges incurred by the County to bring your parcel into compliance with the weed abatement requirements.

Property owners were mailed information in December 2014 about keeping their parcel in compliance with weed abatement fire standards throughout the fire season, and that failure to do so would result in a fee being assessed against the property owner's 2015 property tax assessment.

A public hearing to consider your parcel assessment will take place on September 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM Los Altos Hills County Fire District Board at the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Station, 12355 El Monte Road, Foothill College Campus, Los Altos Hills, California Following the public hearing, the Office of the District will send a final report on the 2015 Weed Abatement Program to the County Assessor's Office, requesting that the charges on the report be added to 2015 property tax assessments.

If for any reason you are unable to appear in person but wish to contest these fees you may submit your challenge in writing. The challenge must be received by the County no later than 3:30 pm on September 14, 2015. You may submit the written challenge by e-mail to scc.weedabatement@AEM.sccgov.org or by facsimile to (408) 286-2460, or to the address listed above.

This report identifies properties which failed the weed abatement compliance inspection, and/or had abatement work conducted by the County's contractor, as well as the proposed charges. The report is posted at the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Station, 12355 El Monte Road, Foothill College Campus, Los Altos Hills, California.

If you have any questions about your parcel charges on the Assessment Report, I encourage you to call (408) 282-3145. An inspector will be available to answer questions about the work done on your property and the associated charges.

You may also contact me by e-mail at moe.kumre@aem.sccgov.org

Sincerely,

Moe Kumre

Weed Abatement Coordinator

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Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Ken Yeager, S. Joseph Simitian

County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith