



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Annual Weed Abatement Program for 2025

1. Resolution declaring that noxious weeds on certain properties are a public nuisance; that the City intends to cause abatement by removal; that a hearing will be held on April 1, 2025, for objections to removal.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for March 18, 2025 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fire Department Vegetation Management Program includes 8,904 parcels within the very high fire hazard area that receive an annual inspection. Of those, 666 are unimproved, vacant properties. The City has an agreement with Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner for weed abatement services on those unimproved properties.

The City Council annually reviews and approves the resolution declaring noxious weeds on unimproved properties can constitute a public nuisance in order to permit the County Agricultural Commissioner to work within the City. This action also sets a public hearing date to allow affected property owners to voice their concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the attached resolution declaring that certain noxious weeds located on property within City jurisdictional areas constitute a public nuisance; that the City intends to cause abatement; and that the City establishes a public hearing date of April 1, 2025.

ANALYSIS

The City of Glendale has a five-year agreement (2022-2027) with the County of Los Angeles for weed abatement services, which is carried out by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner. The Commissioner develops a list each year of properties in the City of Glendale that contain noxious weeds considered to be a public nuisance. All unimproved parcels in the city are inspected annually and placed on the list if they present an actual or potential fire hazard that is within 100 feet of a structure. This year's list includes 666 properties. The list is submitted to the City along with a resolution, declaring the weeds a hazard and public nuisance. After passing the resolution, the County Agricultural Commissioner is thereby designated to act on behalf of the City to abate the hazards. The City is required to provide notice of the abatement action and the date which affected property owners may address concerns to the City Council. The notices will be mailed by the County at least ten days prior to March 18, 2025. By approving the attached resolution, the date of April 1, 2025 is set for a public hearing whereby property owners may be heard to voice their concerns regarding the Declaration List.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

The stakeholders include the owners of the 666 properties identified in the attached declaration list. A notice will be mailed to the property owners informing them of the program.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

N/A

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Private hazard abatement vendors may be contracted with by the City of Glendale to provide the aforementioned services. This alternative would require the City to assume the lead role in key program tasks including notification, inspection and cost recovery, thereby increasing the direct cost for the City. Alternative 2: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1: Declaration List

Exhibit 2: Letter for Resolution

Exhibit 3: County of Los Angeles Annual Weed Abatement Notice 2025