



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: February 11, 2025

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Subject: Weed Abatement – Final Commencement Report (2025)

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Altos instructing the Santa Clara County Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency to abate nuisances arising out of hazardous vegetation growing on property in the City of Los Altos as required by Chapter 11.10 of the Los Altos Municipal Code and find that this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

No direct fiscal impact to the City of Los Altos is associated with participation in the Weed Abatement Program as the cost to perform the work is covered by a Property Tax Assessment to the Parcel of land where the violation occurs.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Adoption of this resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as this action involves maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- On June 25, 2024, the City Council authorized the City of Los Altos' participation in the County of Santa Clara Weed Abatement Program.
- On November 12, 2024, the City Council declared weeds, brush and rubbish a public nuisance.
- On January 28, 2025, the City Council heard any appeals received for participation in the Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Program.

BACKGROUND

Participation in the County of Santa Clara Weed Abatement Program was authorized on June 25, 2024. As part of the City's participation within the program, annually the City Council must adopt a resolution confirming the properties identified by the Santa Clara County Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency for abatement of known violations. The City Council heard appeals received of objection in participating in the Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Program. Appeals were granted on January 28, 2025, thus establishing the final list of properties to be included in the 2025 Weed Abatement Program.

DISCUSSION

The final list of properties (Appendix A) is attached with the draft resolution. The final list of properties includes fifty-seven (57) parcels in total for inclusion in the Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Program.

City Council's action tonight will formally authorize the County to abate any public nuisances present at properties included in Appendix A.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Resolution**
- 2. Appendix A – 2025 Commencement Report**