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*675 Wildwood Avenue  
Rio Dell, CA 95562-1597  
(707) 764-5642 Hall*

**For Meeting of: January 2, 2024**  
■ Consent Item; □ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council  
From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer  
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager  
Date: December 26, 2023  
Subject: Discussion of Cost Recovery for Abatement at 483 4th Avenue

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**Recommendation:**

That the City Council discuss the cost recovery for the abatement that took place on September 22, 2023, at 483 4th Avenue, Rio Dell, California including any public comment, and approve the placement of a public hearing on the Council's agenda so that a lien may be placed on the property. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2024. The combined costs for both abatements total \$2,995.51.

**Background and Discussion**

During the time between September 2020 and December 2021, the City conducted three (3) abatements at 483 4th Avenue in the City of Rio Dell to remove trash and solid waste from the Property. Cost recovery for these three abatements have been placed as a lien on the property. These actions did not modify the behavior of the occupants of the property and trash continued to accumulate.

On September 19, 2023, a fourth abatement warrant was sought from the Humboldt County Superior Court due to the reoccurring violations on the Property. On September 22, 2023, a crew with Redwood Teen Challenge and Community Service Officer Mary Clark completed the abatement by removing all solid waste from the front and side yards. The City's cost for the fourth abatement were determined to be \$2,995.51.

The cost recovery assessment was sent via certified mail to the property owner on October 11, 2023 and was returned to the City of Rio Dell unclaimed. The property owner has not made any attempt to pay or make a plan with the City for this debt. Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) Sections 8.10.310 through 8.10.330 cover the cost recovery process. RDMC Section 8.10.330 references the California Government Code Section 38773.5 which spells out the process for

establishing taxes and assessments. This process requires two meetings, a public meeting followed by a public hearing. The public hearing is anticipated to be held on February 20, 2024.

Attachment: Cost recovery assessment

Rio Dell Police Department  
 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, California 95562  
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# COST RECOVERY ASSESSMENT

Name: **Jeanie Spier**  
 Address: 483 4th Avenue  
 Rio Dell, California 95562  
 A.P.# 053-075-007  
 File # CE18-15  
 Location: **483 4th Avenue**  
**Rio Dell, California**

Date	Staff/ Vendor	Staff Time Description	Hours/10ths	Cost
6/23/2023	MC	Inspection	0.50	\$27.98
6/23/2023	MC	Mail Excessive Vegetation Letter	0.25	\$13.99
7/6/2023	MC	Inspection	0.50	\$27.98
7/18/2023	MC	Continuing Violations Letter	1.00	\$55.96
9/6/2023	MC	Additional Complaint	0.50	\$27.98
9/14/2023	MC	Follow Up With Property Owner	1.00	\$55.96
9/18/2023	MC	Inspection	0.50	\$27.98
9/19/2023	MC	Obtain Abatement Warrant	3.00	\$167.88
9/19/2023	MC	Mail Abatement Warrant	0.25	\$13.99
9/21/2023	MC	Posted Abatement Warrant at Property	0.50	\$27.98
9/22/2023	MC	Service of Abatement Warrant	3.00	\$167.88
10/11/2023	MC	Complete and Submit Warrant Return	1.00	\$55.96

SUB-TOTAL - Staff Time **\$671.52**

## Contractors and Other Agencies/Departments

**CONTRACTORS:**

9/22/2023	Recology 40-yard dumpster	\$1,388.40
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**OTHER AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS**

9/22/2023	Redwood Teen Challenge- 4 crew members	\$210.00
6/14/2022	Unpaid Administrative Citation	\$200.00
7/6/2023	Unpaid Administrative Citation	\$500.00

SUB-TOTAL - Contractors and Other Agencies **\$2,298.40**

### Office Costs

Date	Description	Amount
7/6/2023	Certified Mail for Administrative Citation	\$8.53
7/18/2023	Certified Mail for Continuing Violations	\$8.53
9/19/2023	Certified Mail for Abatement Warrant	\$8.53

SUB-TOTAL - Office Cost **\$25.59**

**TOTAL \$2,995.51**