



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

For Meeting of: May 19, 2026
■ Consent Item; □ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council
From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager
Date: May 19, 2026
Subject: Discussion of Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 185 Douglas Street

That the City Council review the cost recovery for the abatement that took place on March 4, 2026 at 185 Douglas Street 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 July 7, 2026. The total cost for the abatement was determined to be \$3,391.06.

Background and Discussion

On March 4, 2026, 4 workers from Redwood Teen Challenge, Chief Phinney, CSO Wolfe and I conducted an abatement at 185 Douglas Street in the City of Rio Dell. During the abatement, solid waste and multiple junk vehicles were removed from the property. Two 40-yard dumpsters were filled with solid waste and 2 junk vehicles were towed from the property. The City's cost for the abatement were determined to be \$3,391.06.

The cost assessment was sent via certified mail to the property owner on April 10, 2026. The property owner has not made any attempt to pay 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 July 7, 2026.**

Attachment(s): Cost recovery assessment

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

Name: The Estate of Helen Elliott
Address: 185 Douglas Street
 Rio Dell, California 95562
A.P.# 053-115-001
File # CE22-179
Location: 185 Douglas Street
 Rio Dell, California

Staff Time				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Staff/ Vendor</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Hours/10ths</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1/15/2026	MC	Draft Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate	1.00	\$70.53
2/25/2026	MC	Draft of Abatement Warrant	1.00	\$70.53
3/4/2026	MC	Service of Abatement Warrant	4.00	\$282.12
3/4/2026	LW	Service of Abatement Warrant	4.00	\$254.12
3/4/2026	JP	Service of Abatement Warrant	1.00	\$119.97
SUB-TOTAL - Staff Time				\$797.27

Contractors and Other Agencies/Departments		
OTHER AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS		
2/27/2026	Recology- 40 yard dumpster	\$1,490.19
2/27/2026	Redwood Adult Challenge clean up crew	\$630.00
2/27/2026	Eel River Transportation- vehicle removal	\$473.60
SUB- TOTAL		\$2,593.79

TOTAL COST	\$3,391.06
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