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

**For Meeting of: May 5, 2026**  
■ Consent Item; □ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council  
From: Mary Clark, Community Service Officer  
Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager  
Date: May 5, 2026  
Subject: Discussion of Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 520 First Avenue

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That the City Council review the cost recovery for the abatement that took place on January 12, 2026 and January 13, 2026 at 520 First Avenue 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 June 16, 2026. The total cost for the abatement was determined to be **\$10,689.00**.

### **Background and Discussion**

On January 12, 2026 and January 13, 2026, 4 workers from Redwood Adult and Teen Challenge, Chief Phinney, Sergeant Beauchaine, CSO Wolfe and I conducted an abatement at 520 First Avenue in the City of Rio Dell. During the abatement, three 40-yard dumpsters were filled with solid waste, Pacific Gas and Electric Services were disconnected and the residence was secured by Wendt Construction. The City's cost for the abatement were determined to be \$10,689.00.

The cost assessment was sent via certified mail to the property owner on March 2, 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 Jo Ann Tolley  
**Address:** 520 First Avenue  
 Rio Dell, California 95562  
**A.P.#** 053-095-015  
**File #** CE20-117  
**Location:** 520 First Avenue  
 Rio Dell, California

<i>Date</i>	<i>Staff/ Vendor</i>	<i>Staff Time Description</i>	<i>Hours/10ths</i>	<i>Cost</i>
12/8/2025	MC	Draft Inspection Warrant	1.00	\$70.53
12/10/2025	MC	Service of Inspection Warrant	1.00	\$70.53
12/10/2025	JF	Service of Inspection Warrant	1.00	\$119.97
12/10/2025	LW	Service of Inspection Warrant	1.00	\$70.53
12/10/2025	KC	Service of Inspection Warrant	1.00	\$107.55
12/22/2025	KC	Draft of Notice of Substandard Housing	1.00	\$107.55
1/8/2026	MC	Draft Abatement Warrant	1.00	\$70.53
1/12/2026	MC	Service of Abatement Warrant	5.00	\$352.65
1/12/2026	LW	Service of Abatement Warrant	5.00	\$352.65
1/12/2026	JF	Service of Abatement Warrant	5.00	\$599.85
1/12/2026	JB	Service of Abatement Warrant	1.00	\$101.82
1/13/2026	MC	Service of Abatement Warrant	5.00	\$352.65
1/13/2026	LW	Service of Abatement Warrant	5.00	\$352.65
1/20/2026	MC	Completion of Warrant Return	0.50	\$35.26

**SUB-TOTAL - Staff Time** **\$2,764.72**

## **Contractors and Other Agencies/Departments**

**CONTRACTORS:**

1/13/2026	Wendt Construction	\$2,360.93
1/13/2026	Recology- Three 40 yard dumpsters	\$4,616.79

**OTHER AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS**

1/12/2026	Redwood Adult and Teen Challenge Crew	\$630.00
1/13/2026	Redwood Adult and Teen Challenge Crew	\$315.00

**SUB-TOTAL - Contractors and Other Agencies** **\$7,922.72**

## **Office Costs**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
12/10/2025	First Class Mail for Inspection Warrant	\$0.78
1/12/2026	First Class Mail for Abatement Warrant	\$0.78

**SUB-TOTAL - Office Cost** **\$1.56**

**TOTAL COST** **\$10,689.00**