



INFORMATION REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: September 1, 2025
FROM: William Watson, Project Manager
SUBJECT: Weed Abatement – Enforcement – Outcome

RECOMMENDATION:

Council reviews City of Sutter Creek information report on the outcome of 2025 Weed Abatement Ordinance enforcement actions.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City's annual fire prevention efforts, the Weed Abatement Ordinance requires property owners to clear hazardous vegetation from their parcels to reduce fire risk. In spring 2025, notices were issued to parcels found out of compliance during routine inspections. Property owners were given a deadline to complete necessary abatement or contact the City to coordinate efforts.

DISCUSSION:

All parcel owners responded to the City's notice of violation by email, phone call, or by completing abatement work prior to the deadline. For those who did not meet the initial deadline, all are in communication with staff and have been granted a short grace period to mobilize resources and secure funding. These properties are actively working toward full compliance.

One parcel remains outstanding due to an administrative oversight. City records and information from the County Assessor's Office indicate the property owner now resides in Florida and did not receive timely notification. However, adjacent property owners on both sides have completed abatement, mitigating fire hazard from the remaining parcel. As a result, the City has concluded enforcement efforts without further action.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The abatement funding that was allocated and approved for the 2025 enforcement cycle will not be utilized. All abatement work was completed by private property owners, and no City-funded abatement was required under the standard operating procedure.

ATTACHMENT:

N/A