

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept: City Manager
Subject: WEED/RUBBISH ABATEMENT

From: Dave Bertka
Dept: Fire
Date: April 22, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To hold a public hearing for receipt of objections to the Weed Abatement Notices mailed to parcel owners on February 28, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On February 26, 2008, City Council adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 39500, et seq, of the State of California Government Code to declare that a nuisance exists in connection with the presence of weeds, rubbish, and debris on certain properties within the City of Garden Grove. A public hearing has been scheduled for April 22, 2008, to receive any objections to the Weed Abatement Notices.

Parcel owners had until March 26, 2008, to clear their properties. The City's Weed Abatement Official re-inspected these parcels on March 31 & April 1, 2008, and all un-cleared parcels are identified in the updated "Exhibit A." The City's contractor will begin clearing privately owned properties, which are in noncompliance, on April 23, 2008, with work slated for completion within 30 days.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

COMMUNITY VISION

To protect the beauty and quality of life in Garden Grove by eliminating unsightly weeds and rubbish.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing to receive testimony, and take one of the following actions:

- Uphold the objections and order individual properties to be removed from the scheduled abatement process; or
- Overrule the objections and direct staff to proceed with the scheduled weed abatement.
- If no objections, direct staff to proceed with the scheduled weed abatement.

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