

RESOLUTION NO. 24-052

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PERTAINING TO THE FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Fire Protection District ("Fire District") has in place one of the most effective fire hazard reduction programs in California; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary components of the Fire District's Fire Hazard Reduction Program is its program of annual notices to property owners of the need to clear weeds and similar materials constituting fire hazards from their properties; and

WHEREAS, these properties, as determined by the Fire District, through its knowledge and inspection of these properties during the life of the Fire Hazard Reduction Program, are subject to seasonal and recurrent weeds and similar materials constituting nuisances; and

WHEREAS, as part of a fire hazard reduction program, Health and Safety Code sections 14900.5 and 14900.6 authorize this Board to declare that (a) the nuisances arising from weeds on such properties are "seasonal and recurrent" and (b) such "seasonal and recurring weeds" shall be abated every year without further hearing; and

WHEREAS, in the case of weeds which have been so declared to constitute seasonal and recurring nuisances, the Health and Safety Code sections further provide that it is sufficient for the Fire District to annually mail notices to the property owners as they and their addresses appear upon the current assessment roll advising them to abate said nuisances without particularized findings by this Board each year that such nuisances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District may (a) abate such "seasonal and recurring weeds" if not abated by the property owner and (b) may recover the cost of such abatement incurred by the Fire District in abatement of such "seasonal and recurring weeds"; and

WHEREAS, such a declaration by this Board will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Fire District's Fire Hazard Reduction Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and declares that nuisances arising from weeds and similar materials on the properties listed in Exhibit 1 (Weed Abatement Listing) to this resolution are "seasonal and recurrent," as that term is used in Health and Safety Code section 14900.5.

2. The Board hereby further finds and declares that such seasonal and recurring weeds shall be abated every year without further hearing as provided by Health and Safety Code section 14900.5.

3. The Board hereby directs that the Fire Chief shall abate such nuisances from those properties listed in Exhibit 1, if the property owner fails to do so by any abatement date issued by the Fire Chief.

4. The Board hereby directs that any cost incurred by the Fire District for abatement of properties under Item 3 above, plus the Fire District's administrative fee of \$1,744, shall constitute a special assessment and lien against any property so abated and shall be placed upon the tax roll as specified under Health and Safety Code section 14912.

Upon motion of Director LaVere, seconded by
Director Lopez, and duly carried, the Board hereby
approves and adopts this resolution on May 14, 2024

Kelly Long
Chair, Board of Directors
Ventura County Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

DR. SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Directors
Ventura County Fire Protection District,
State of California,

By: Dore Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board

