

# **Nevada County Vegetation Abatement Ordinance Implementation**

**CDA Guidelines  
for Fire & Code Compliance  
April 26, 2016**

# County & Fire Collaboration

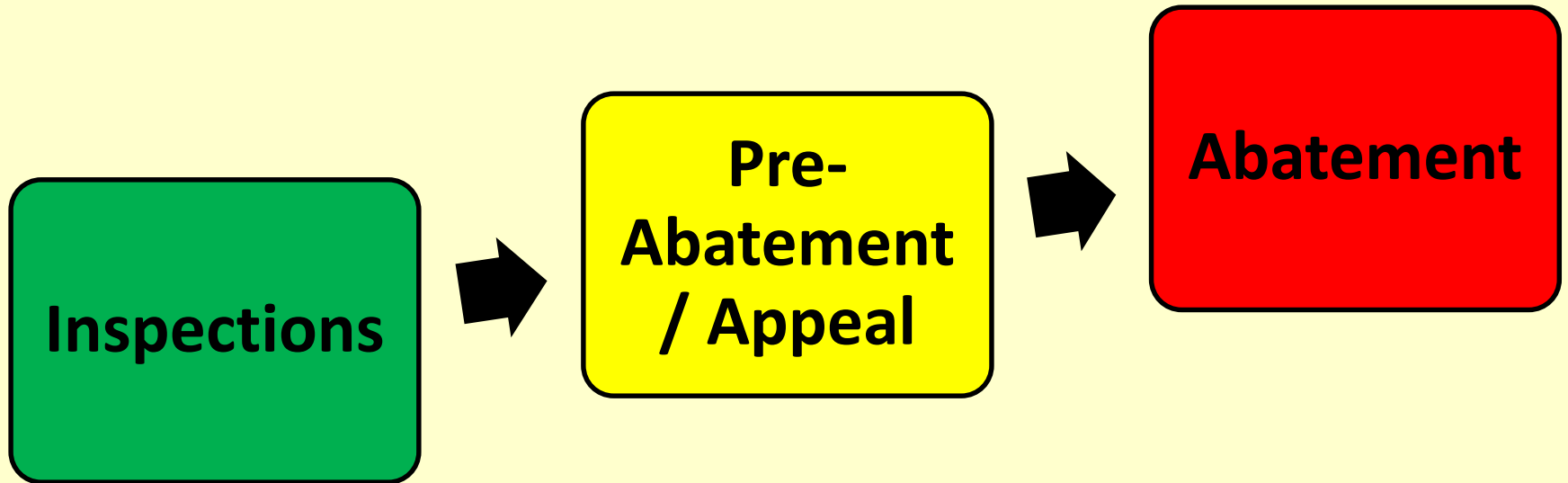
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- Community Development Agency (CDA)
- Code Compliance
- Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- Local Fire Districts
- CalFire
- Ordinance is another tool for Fire



# Three Phase Process

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- Promote self abatement during Phase One requiring no ongoing County resources
- Fire conducts all field inspections and provides technical expertise
- Code enters the process in the middle of Phase Two

# Phase One - Inspections - Fire

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- Fire has the lead role in the first phase
- Credible complaint received
- Initial Inspection
  - Warning Notice of Violation to Owner and 30 Days
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Inspection
  - Notice of Violation to Owner and 30 Days
- Fire may issue a fire citation by their agency
- Fire may conduct additional formal or informal inspections

*✓ Samples and templates provided to Fire by Code*

# Stopping at Phase One

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- Self abatement
  - Better for the property owner
  - Better for the County
  - Better for Fire
- Requires no County resources
- Fire determines whether a property should move into the next phase
- Fire's last resort for compliance should rarely occur
- Estimate twice a year or less assuming the Placer County model

# Phase Two - Pre-Abatement - Fire

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- Fire's last resort for compliance and should rarely occur
  - Estimate twice a year or less (Placer County model)
  - Inspection Reports and Notice to Abate prepared for Local Fire Official
  - Local Fire Official signs Notice to Abate
  - Inspection to determine if abatement should continue
  - Post on property and mail notices to property owner
- ✓ Samples and templates provided to Fire by Code*

# Phase Two cont'd - Fire & Code

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- Allow 10 days for appeal or 30 days to voluntarily abate
  - Appeal received within 10 days
    - County Clerk of the Board and Code will assist Fire with appeal hearing
    - Conduct appeal hearing and receive hearing officer's decision
  - No appeal, no self abatement, and 30 days
    - Move to abatement
- Pre-Abatement joint inspection with Fire and Code
- ✓ Self abatement can occur anytime during Phase Two

# Phase Three - Abatement - Code

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- Abatement will be handled by Code
- Contract with vendor to perform the abatement
- Fire provide necessary technical inspections confirming the abatement is complete
- Bill property owner for abatement
- Record liens for unpaid bills and abatements





# Questions

