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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jeff Merriman, Code Compliance Program Manager**

SUBJECT: Resolution summarily adopting a recommendation of the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Hearing Body and approving a proposed assessment in the amount of \$43,035.87 after a nuisance abatement against property located at 14010 Meadow View Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945. (APN 012-210-008)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution approving the proposed assessment.

FUNDING: This Resolution does not have an immediate financial impact to the Code Compliance budget or to the County General Fund. The County General Fund funded the abatement contract. In the event that an assessment is recovered, the General Fund will be reimbursed for the cost of the contract.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Development Agency, Code Compliance Division, serves as the enforcement agency of the County's Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance, Article 7 of Chapter IV of Title 2 of the Nevada County Code. The local fire official has the initial responsibility of attempting to help the property owner bring the parcel into compliance. When voluntary compliance is not achieved, the matter may be referred to the Code Compliance Division for abatement.

On October 2, 2018, the local fire authority referred the subject property to the Code Compliance Division for abatement, after exhausting all efforts to help the property owner come into compliance. The subject parcel contained approximately 28 dead or dying trees within a 100-foot strip of land to adjacent neighboring structures, in violation of the Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance. To mitigate the health and safety threats to neighboring properties, the Code Compliance Division worked with various County Departments to proceed with an abatement of the hazardous vegetation.

The County Purchasing Agent used a competitively awarded qualified list for these services to invite vendors to participate. Three firms were invited to a job walk at the subject location where the Code & Cannabis Program Manager answered questions related to the scope of work and site conditions.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was determined to be Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. of Penryn, CA, with a bid of \$38,500. On January 22, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the execution of the contract with Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. (Resolution 19-031).

On January 23, 2019, an abatement warrant was executed and the nuisance abated on the subject property. The Code Compliance Division worked with Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. to clear all dead or decaying trees, and all fallen trees and brush within a 100 foot strip of land of neighboring habitable structures.

On April 29, 2019, the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Hearing Body confirmed the proposed assessment of \$43,035.77 against the subject property and recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the assessment as final. This proposed assessment includes the contract cost of \$38,500, in addition to \$4,535.87 for County administrative costs. The full breakdown of the assessment costs is included in the findings of the attached Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Hearing Body decision.

Under the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance, the Board may adopt the recommendation of the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Hearing Body without further notice of hearing, or may set the matter for a de novo hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 29845(h). Staff has reviewed the Hearing Body's decision and recommends the Board of Supervisors summarily adopt the proposed assessment without further hearing.

Item Initiated by: Jeff Merriman
Approved by: Craig Griesbach

Submittal Date: May 10, 2019
Updated: May 14, 2019