

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Brad Harris, Fire Chief/Cal Fire and Placer County Fire
By: Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: October 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Receive a Review and Update on the Placer County Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance from County Fire Warden, Chief Brad Harris.

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive a Review and Update from Placer County Fire Warden, Fire Chief Brad Harris on the results and impacts of your Boards' adopted pilot ordinance relating to the abatement of hazardous vegetation on unimproved parcels in the Tahoe Area. Your Board adopted this ordinance in September of 2007, with an effective date of February 1, 2008 for a period of one year.

BACKGROUND

Your Board is well aware that damaging wildfires are an annual threat to Placer County. In fact, within the past two years drought conditions, accumulation of flammable vegetation and weather conditions combined to create damaging fires in the Tahoe area including Washoe Fire in North Lake Tahoe and the Angora Fire in the South Lake Tahoe area.

Your Board, in keeping with its consistent commitment to reducing fire hazards and encouraging defensible space and fire safety, considered and adopted a pilot ordinance specific to the eastern slope of the County.

Today, County Fire Warden, Chief Brad Harris, will provide your Board with an update on the results and impacts of this new ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

cc: Rui Cunha, Placer County OES, Program Manager

