

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
By, Rui Cunha, Assistant Director Emergency Services

DATE: April 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Public Peace, Safety and Welfare; Article 9.32 Fire Prevention; Part 4 Hazardous Vegetation Abatement (HVA) on Unimproved Parcels.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Public Peace, Safety and Welfare; Article 9.32 Fire Prevention; Part 4 Hazardous Vegetation Abatement on Unimproved Parcels. Add two Alternate members at large to the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Hearing Body.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board established the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance on November 6, 2007 by ordinance 5491-B in response to several destructive fires in the Eastern portions of both Placer and El Dorado Counties. The ordinance was further expanded to include select Central and Western Placer County Communities. The ordinance currently applies to the following jurisdictions: North Tahoe Fire Protection District, Alpine Springs County Water District, Squaw Valley Public Service District, Northstar Community Services District, Foresthill Fire Protection District, Loomis Fire Protection District, Penryn Fire Protection District and in the Placer County fire service area.

In addition to the many details discussed in the HVA ordinance, the ordinance creates a hearing body to hear appeals from property owners who have been engaged but have not responded during the cooperative process and have been served with a "Notice to Abate". The hearing body shall have the authority to amend, dismiss or uphold the "Notice to Abate" with a majority vote. With the expansion of the ordinance County staff is requesting the appointment of two alternate members at large.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Attachment: Ordinance

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

**An Amendment to Chapter 9, Article 9.32,
Part 4, Section 9.32.190 Related to
Hazardous Vegetation Abatement
on Unimproved Parcels**

Ordinance No: _____
First Reading: _____

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Chairman Signature

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Clerk of the Board Signature

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 9, Article 9.32, Part 4, Section 9.32.190 is hereby amended as follows:

9.32.190 Hazardous vegetation abatement hearing body.

The hazardous vegetation abatement hearing body is established. The hazardous vegetation hearing body will be convened by the agency director and will consist of a representative seated by the participating Placer County fire chiefs, and two "citizens at large", and two alternates at large appointed by the Placer County board of supervisors.

The hazardous vegetation abatement hearing body shall have the authority to amend, dismiss, or uphold the "notice to abate" with a majority vote.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after the date of its passage. The Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance, or a summary thereof, within fifteen (15) days in accordance with government code section 25124.

