

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to relative to the proposed decisions and recommendations for the 2017 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONFIRM the 2017 Brush Clearance Assessments, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners at its meeting held on November 27, 2018 and as contained in the 2017 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report, Proposed Decisions, and Recommendations (attached to the Council file), including assessments for the following appeals:
 - a. Parcel identified as Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5572034012, situs address 7131 Senalda Road.
 - b. Parcel identified as APN 2278023004, situs address 3650 Stone Canyon Avenue.
 - c. Parcels identified as APN 2190009049 and 2190009057, situs address 4540 San Blas Avenue.
 - d. Parcel identified as APN 4416010034, situs address 17542 West Posetano Road.
 - e. Parcel identified as APN 2543014009, situs address 10131 Johanna Avenue.
 - f. Parcel identified as APN 5214025006, situs address vacant lot west of 4553 East Richelieu Terrace.
 - g. Parcel identified as APN 5443024003, situs address 2412 Valley View Drive.
 - h. Parcel identified as APN 2601026052, situs address 12201 Highwater Road.
 - i. Parcel identified as APN 2601040046, situs address 2412 vacant lot north of 17619 West Rinaldi Street.
 - j. Parcels identified as APN 5312028004, situs address 6328 North Monterey Road; and APN 5312028033, situs address 6332 North Monterey Road.
 - k. Parcel identified as APN 2564018013, situs address 7020 West Walpole Drive.
 - l. Parcel identified as APN 2572015015, situs address 9729 Tujung Canyon Boulevard.
 - m. Parcels identified as APN 2563042009 and APN 2563042010, situs address 9681 Hillhaven Avenue.
 - n. Parcel identified as APN 2017014011, situs address 24158 West Jensen Drive.
 - o. Parcel identified as APN 2564027020, situs address 7091 West Flora Morgan

Terrace.

2. AMEND the 2017 Brush Clearance Assessments, for the following appeals:
 - a. Waive the administrative fee of \$1,304 and confirm the cost of clearance in the amount of \$215 for the parcel identified as APN 2601023065, situs address vacant lot west of 18015 Dali Drive.
 - b. Waive the administrative fee of \$1,304 and confirm the cost of clearance in the amount of \$900 for the parcel identified as APN 5209016009, situs address 4339 East Radium Drive.
3. SUBMIT WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the following assessment appeal:
 - a. Parcel identified as APN 5430015005, situs address 3834 Clayton Avenue, to allow the property owner to work with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).
 - b. Parcel identified as APN 4415023009, situs address 16970 West Sunset Boulevard, to refer the assessment back to the LAFD Hearing Officer.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAFD reports that property owners are assessed an administrative fee of \$1,304 and the cost of clearance to abate the hazard for failure to comply with brush clearance requirements. The average cost of clearance is \$3,726.36. For the 2017 brush season, 140 appeal requests were received from property owners electing to appeal their assessments. Of the 140 appeals received, 40 were granted or reduced. The Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings estimated total revenue is \$690,038.50.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on February 13, 2019, the Public Safety Committee considered the Board of Fire Commissioner's (Board) November 27, 2018 transmittal of the LAFD's 2017 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings - Proposed Decisions and Recommendations report dated November 5, 2018.

The Chief and the Inspector over the LAFD Brush Clearance Unit both addressed the Committee, provided a detailed overview of the assessment and appeal process, and responded to related questions. Additionally, they presented background information from LAFD records relative to each of the verbal and/or written appeals that were presented to the Committee.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee confirmed and upheld the 2017 Brush Clearance Assessments, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the LAFD, including confirmation of the assessments for the appeals presented to the Committee, with the exception of the appeals detailed in Recommendations No. 2 and 3 above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| RYU: | YES |
| SMITH: | YES |

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