RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached Resolution ordering the abatement of weeds.

BACKGROUND
By Resolution Number 8383 adopted on December 15, 2003, the Council declared weeds to be a nuisance, and ordered the abatement of that nuisance as called for in Chapter 8.08 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code. The Resolution provided for a public hearing date of February 2, 2004, to hear any objections to the proposed destruction or the removal of these weeds, and for interested property owners and members of the public to be notified of the hearing.

DISCUSSION
The County Fire Marshal's Office administers the contract for abatement of weeds within the City of Palo Alto. Upon notification of action by the City Council, the County Fire Marshal has taken proper steps to notify each property owner by mail of the contemplated weed abatement action on respective properties and to post in the Council Chambers a list of the properties affected. The County Fire Marshal has furnished copies of the property listing to the City Clerk and the City Fire Marshal.

At this public hearing, property owners may appear and object to the proposed weed destruction or removal. After the hearing and consideration of the objections, the Council may allow or overrule any or all objections. If objections are overruled, the Council is deemed to have acquired jurisdiction to proceed; and the County will be asked to perform the work of destruction and removal of weeds.

RESOURCE IMPACT
All charges for the weed abatement services are included as a special assessment on bills for
property taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land and are considered liens on these properties.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
This procedure is consistent with existing City policies.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**
The City Council, by adoption of Resolution No. 8383, approved a Negative Declaration for this project. No further environmental assessment is required.

**ATTACHMENTS**
Resolution Ordering Weed Nuisance Abated

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