



City of Palo Alto

City Council Staff Report

(ID # 10747)

Report Type: Action Items

Meeting Date: 6/15/2020

Summary Title: Public Hearing: Adoption of a Resolution Confirming Weed Abatement & Assessment

Title: PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Weed Abatement Report and Ordering the Cost of Abatement to be a Special Assessment on the Respective Properties Described Therein

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Fire

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council (1) hold a public hearing to hear and consider objections from affected property owners of proposed assessments related to completed weed abatement work, and (2) adopt the attached resolution confirming the report and ordering abatement costs to be a special assessment on the properties specified in the report.

BACKGROUND

The Weed Abatement Division of Santa Clara County Agriculture and Environmental Management administers the contract for weed abatement within the City of Palo Alto, in accordance with an agreement established on April 18, 1977, between the City and County.

On November 18, 2019, in accordance with Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 8.08, the City Council declared weeds to be a nuisance and ordered that the nuisance be abated. A public hearing was held on January 13, 2020, to consider objections to the proposed destruction or removal of the weeds. No objections were noted. Once the above steps had been taken, the County Weed Abatement Division instructed its contractor to abate weeds on City and private properties within Palo Alto. That work has now been completed. Property owners were notified the third week in December 2019 that weeds were to be abated by April 30th, 2020, either by the owners or by the County. If the property owners chose to have the County abate the weeds, the abatement charges would be levied against the respective properties as an assessment by the County Assessor. The County has since informed the property owners of the costs for destroying and removing the weeds.

The City Clerk has published the required notice of this hearing in the *Palo Alto Weekly*. The cost report by the County Weed Abatement Division has been posted on the City Hall Plaza bulletin board for ten (10) days prior to this hearing.

DISCUSSION

Property owners may object to the charges for weed abatement being levied against their properties. The charge consists of the contractor's cost plus 150 percent administrative charges, in accordance with Palo Alto's contract with Santa Clara County ([CMR #7527, December 12, 2016](#)).

A representative from the County Weed Abatement Division will be present at the public hearing with the records of weed abatement that have taken place. Should there be any modifications in the proposed assessments as a result of the hearing; changes in the assessment spread will be made as necessary. After any recalculations are completed, and Council adopts the attached resolution confirming the abatements and ordering those costs to be imposed as liens on the abated properties, the assessments will be submitted to the County Assessor for entry on the October tax roll upon which general City taxes are to be collected.

RESOURCE IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact of this action to the City. The assessments identified on Attachment "A" of the resolution, totaling \$59,842.60, will be imposed as liens on the properties listed and will not be borne by the City.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This procedure is consistent with existing City policies.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The entire weed abatement program is coordinated by the Santa Clara County Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management. Coordination includes contracts, inspections, nuisance reports/lists and fees.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Santa Clara County Counsel has determined the Weed Abatement Program to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution Confirming Weed Abatement

NOT YET ADOPTED

Resolution No. ____
Resolution Confirming Weed Abatement Report and Ordering Cost of
Abatement to be a Special Assessment on the Respective Properties
Described Therein

RECITALS

A. The Council of the City of Palo Alto has heretofore declared weeds growing on certain properties within the City to be a public nuisance by Resolution No. 9869, dated November 18, 2019.

B. The Council on January 13, 2020, did adopt Resolution No. 9875, thereby ordering the weed nuisance abated.

C. Subsequent to the giving of said notice, the Fire Chief, through his Administrator, the Weed Abatement Division of Santa Clara County Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management, has caused to be abated the weeds on the herein described properties.

D. The Fire Chief, through his Administrator, the Weed Abatement Division of Santa Clara County Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management, has filed his report and assessment list for weed abatement as provided by law and a hearing has been duly set and noticed, for objections to said report and assessment list and for confirmation.

E. The Council has duly considered the report and assessment list and any objections thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palo Alto does RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. The report and assessment list is in all respects complete and correct and is hereby confirmed. The amounts of the cost for abating the nuisance are confirmed and those remaining unpaid, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall constitute special assessments against the respective parcels of land and are a lien on the property for the amount of the respective assessment.

SECTION 2. All written or oral protests or objections to said report and assessment list are overruled or denied.

SECTION 3. The unpaid assessments shown on Exhibit "A" shall be entered upon the 2020-2021 tax roll against the parcels of land and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as general City taxes, be subject to the same interest and penalties, and be subject to the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency. All laws and ordinances applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of City taxes are hereby made applicable to this special assessment.

SECTION 4. Santa Clara County has determined the weed abatement program to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Assistant City Attorney

City Manager

Fire Chief

Director of Administrative Services

**2020 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT REPORT
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	Situs		APN	OWNER ADDRESS				TAX ROLL AMT	TRA
1	1605	Edgewood	003-12-002	Miao, Nina Yanti	931 Clara Dr	PALO ALTO	94303-4002	\$2,545.40	6006
2	1576	Hamilton	003-24-010	1576 Hamilton Avenue Llc	0 Po Box 1179	PALO ALTO	94304	\$101.00	6006
3	136	Lois	003-38-044	Hobson Eleanor M Trustee	Po Box 60452	PALO ALTO	94306	\$101.00	6001
4	170	Iris	003-41-008	Xia, Fan And Zhou, Yuan	170 Iris Wy	PALO ALTO	94303-3036	\$1,763.00	6006
5	782	Greer	003-41-065	Deng, Jingjing And Jiang, Lijun	782 Greer Ln	PALO ALTO	94303-3022	\$101.00	6006
6	999	Embarcadero	003-41-068	Ge, Ruifang And Wang, Peiyu	999 Embarcadero Rd	PALO ALTO	94303-3050	\$101.00	6006
7	1938	Channing	003-42-039	Haley, Philip H Trustee & Et Al	506 Eisenhower St	DAVIS	95616	\$101.00	6006
8	1031	Embarcadero	003-42-060	Omegacloud Corporation	10181 Adriana Av	CUPERTINO	95014-1125	\$101.00	6006
9	2385	St Francis	003-48-021	Zadik, Yair And Linda	2385 St Francis Dr	PALO ALTO	94303-3136	\$1,719.80	6006
10	2075	Louis	003-50-021	Keller, Jeffrey R	2075 Louis Rd	PALO ALTO	94303-3452	\$101.00	6006
11	946	El Cajon	003-52-057	Pillsbury, Albert F And Helen B	707 Elm St Apt 221	SAN CARLOS	94070-8005	\$101.00	6006
12	260	Byron	120-02-030	Liveright, Michael	260 Byron St	PALO ALTO	94301-1307	\$1,763.00	6006
13	655	Embarcadero	120-08-023	L S & Co Partnership	555 Byron St Unit 105	PALO ALTO	94301-1303	\$101.00	6001
14	733	Ramona	120-27-063	Koda, Ross K Trustee	0 P O Box 156	SOUTH DOS PALOS	93665	\$1,868.60	6006
15	135	Melville	124-15-028	Poppy, James C And Sylvester, Mary	135 Melville Av	PALO ALTO	94301-3541	\$101.00	6006
16	3419	Cork Oak	127-48-023	Sunny Venture Llc	530 Showers Dr 7-229	MOUNTAIN VIEW	94040	\$101.00	6006
17	464	Colorado	132-08-115	Chuang, Suhchu	142 Park Av	PALO ALTO	94306-1107	\$101.00	6006
18	3533	Ramona	132-22-097	Tang, Dexter Chihung Trustee & Et	3533 Ramona St	PALO ALTO	94306-3549	\$101.00	6006

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19	3541 Bryant	132-23-033	Kaposhilin, Nicholas Trustee	936 California Av N PALO ALTO 94303-3405	\$803.00	6006
20	76 Roosevelt	132-23-059	Liu, Jenkuei Trustee & Et Al	4039 Scripps Av PALO ALTO 94306-4535	\$101.00	6006
21	149 El Dorado	132-25-022	Quan, Steven Y And Lillian M Trustee	3143 Greer Rd PALO ALTO 94303-4027	\$101.00	6006
22	2876 Emerson	132-26-006	Hsu, Yen-fen	2876 Emerson St PALO ALTO 94306-2350	\$101.00	6006
23	2886 Emerson	132-26-007	Wang, Diana	0 Po Box 60201 PALO ALTO 94306-0201	\$101.00	6006
24	22 Roosevelt	132-29-067	Chiou, Ren-kang And Teng, Hsiu-	22 Roosevelt Cl PALO ALTO 94306-4216	\$101.00	6006
25	18 Roosevelt	132-29-069	Bernstein, Amir D Trustee	18 Roosevelt Cl PALO ALTO 94306	\$1,739.00	6006
26	Lambert	132-33-060	Linda Allen	1700 Space Park Dr. SANTA CLARA 95054	\$101.00	6006
27	Lambert	132-33-061	Linda Allen	1700 Space Park Dr. SANTA CLARA 95054	\$2,094.20	6006
28	Lambert	132-33-062	Linda Allen	1700 Space Park Dr. SANTA CLARA 95054	\$2,233.40	6006
29	Lambert	132-33-063	Linda Allen	1700 Space Park Dr. SANTA CLARA 95054	\$2,027.00	6006
30	220 Matadero	132-34-025	Ajloun Enterprises Llc	186 Camelia Dr DALY CITY 94015	\$1,715.00	6006
31	280 Matadero	132-34-031	Rose Rock Property Management Llc	19066 Austin Wy SARATOGA 95070-6405	\$101.00	6006
32	290 Matadero	132-34-032	Ruehl, Karl K And Sigrid T Trustee	2391 Gabriel Av MOUNTAIN VIEW 94040-1415	\$101.00	6006
33	3605 Park	132-34-050	Enabling Strategies Limited, A	3605 Park Boulevard Palo Alto 94306	\$101.00	6006
34	3561 Park	132-34-052	Mahal, Jaswinder	180 Park Sharon Dr SAN JOSE 95136-2535	\$1,719.80	6006
35	210 Wilton	132-35-012	Chase Wilton Llc	3024 Ross Rd PALO ALTO 94303-4102	\$101.00	6006
36	443 Wilton	132-35-027	Atashband, Bahram	443 Wilton Av PALO ALTO 94306-2859	\$101.00	6006

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37	215 Wilton	132-35-042	Godshall, Kelvin V Et Al	215 Wilton Av PALO ALTO	94306-2855	\$101.00 6006
38	3705 El Camino Real	132-35-045	Wilton Court Ii Llc	2595 Bayshore Rd E Suite 200 PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00 6006
39	2755 El Camino Real	132-36-084	Whpv Alta Locale Llc	530 Emerson St Ste 150 PALO ALTO	94301	\$101.00 6006
40	434 Fernando	132-39-025	Woodrich Llc	696 Towle Wy Apt 33 PALO ALTO	94306-2538	\$101.00 6006
41	421 Fernando	132-39-037	Williger, Edward M	0 P O Box 20089 STANFORD	94309-0089	\$101.00 6006
42	415 Fernando	132-39-038	Brown, Jonathan S And Miriam M	415 Fernando Av PALO ALTO	94306-2820	\$101.00 6006
43	3550 Orinda	132-40-001	Rodriguez, Agustin E Trustee & Et Al	3550 Orinda St PALO ALTO	94306-2842	\$101.00 6006
44	4032 Park	132-43-025	Zhu, Li And Wan, Fanny Trustee	33345 7th St UNION CITY	94587	\$101.00 6006
45	613 Stanford	137-01-059	Baumann, John R	613 Stanford Av PALO ALTO	94306-1412	\$101.00 6006
46	2321 Wellesley	137-02-024	Culpepper, Benjamin J	335 Panoramic Wy BERKELEY	94704	\$2,003.00 6006
47	2195 Columbia	137-06-036	Edelman, Andrea Trustee	2195 Columbia St PALO ALTO	94306-1233	\$101.00 6006
48	3700 El Camino Real	137-11-078	Kss Investment Llc	1380 Miravalle Av LOS ALTOS	94024-5744	\$1,811.00 6006
49	3793 La Donna	137-12-016	Mehta, Bijal And Pallavi Trustee	3793 La Donna Av PALO ALTO	94306-3151	\$1,811.00 6006
50	721 Barron	137-13-042	Ashworth, Darren And Imane	705 Barron Av PALO ALTO	94306-3108	\$101.00 6006
51	3890 La Donna	137-13-059	Sanders, David R And Dejesus-rueff,	3890 La Donna Av PALO ALTO	94306-3156	\$101.00 6006
52	4146 El Camino Real	137-24-034	Juan, Su Chen And Chung-chiung	6 Atherton Oaks Ln ATHERTON	94027	\$2,295.80 6006
53	4170 Alta Mesa	137-25-113	Wu, Mike C And Tsai-feng Trustee	4170 Alta Mesa Av PALO ALTO	94306-3930	\$101.00 6006
54	Maybell	137-25-134	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200 PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00 6006

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55	Maybell	137-25-135	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
56	Maybell	137-25-136	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
57	Maybell	137-25-137	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
58	Maybell	137-25-138	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
59	Maybell	137-25-139	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
60	Maybell	137-25-140	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
61	Maybell	137-25-141	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
62	Maybell	137-25-142	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
63	Maybell	137-25-143	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
64	Maybell	137-25-144	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
65	Maybell	137-25-145	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
66	Maybell	137-25-146	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
67	Maybell	137-25-147	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
68	Maybell	137-25-148	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
69	Maybell	137-25-149	Golden Gate Homes Llc	2225 E Bayshore Rd Ste 200	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
70	4158 Amaranta	137-26-027	Edmonds, Brian W And Parsa,	4158 Amaranta Av	PALO ALTO	94306-3905	\$101.00	6006
71	4170 Coulombe	137-26-112	Tana, Chinin Trustee & Et Al	4170 Coulombe Dr	PALO ALTO	94306-3801	\$101.00	6006
72	4130 Donald	137-27-086	Hsi, Hsing-hui	4130 Donald Dr	PALO ALTO	94306-3822	\$101.00	6006

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73	3460	Hillview	142-16-059	Leland Stanford Jr Univ The Bd	101 California Av Ste 1800	SAN FRANCISCO	94111	\$1,691.00	6006
74	1050	Arastradero	142-16-060	Leland Stanford Jr Univ Bd	1050 Arastradero Rd	Palo Alto	94304	\$1,907.00	6006
75	3495	Deer Creek	142-16-062	Leland Stanford Jr Univ Board	150 Portola Rd	PORTOLA VALLEY	94025	\$2,867.00	6006
76	3500	Deer Creek	142-16-066	Leland Stanford Jr University Board	3500 Deer Creek Rd	PALO ALTO	94304	\$2,867.00	6006
77	1000	Page Mill	142-20-091	Leland Stanford Jr University Board	965 Page Mill Rd	PALO ALTO	94304	\$101.00	6006
78	144	Monroe	148-06-001	Palo Alto Ca 14 Llc	2316 Wahsatch Av N #631	COLORADO SPRINGS	80907	\$101.00	6006
79	4388	Silva	148-12-028	Yin	4761 Eastus Dr.	San Jose	95129-3216	\$1,715.00	6006
80	633	Arastradero	167-06-016	Stone, Virginia A And Bradley K	3516 Bajamont Wy	CARMICHAEL	95608	\$1,715.00	6006
81	639	Arastradero	167-06-063	Firm Ground Real Estate	0 Po Box 51871	PALO ALTO	94303	\$101.00	6006
82	4179	Oak Hill	175-01-025	Bachrach, Virginia R Trustee	12 Starr Wy	MOUNTAIN VIEW	94040	\$3,299.00	6006
83	4169	Oak Hill	175-01-026	Bachrach, Virginia R Trustee	12 Starr Wy	MOUNTAIN VIEW	94040	\$3,347.00	6006
84	849	Mesa	175-01-037	Tlt Llc	0 Po Box 1667	PALO ALTO	94302	\$1,671.80	6006
85	4158	Oakhill	175-01-051	Kamath, Swati P Trustee	4158 Oakhill Av	PALO ALTO	94306-3720	\$101.00	6006
86	4243	Manuela	175-02-053	Weakland, Alan Trustee & Et Al	515 Flower St S Floor 25	LOS ANGELES	90071	\$101.00	6006
87	4103	Old Trace	175-20-078	Smithwick, Alton D And Ursula L	0 Po Box 60065	PALO ALTO	94306	\$2,487.80	6006
88		Old Adobe	175-20-092	Grove, Eva K Trustee	171 Main St 278	LOS ALTOS	94022	\$101.00	6006
89	931	Laurel Glen	182-54-012	Sheth, Beerud Trustee & Et Al	931 Laurel Glen Dr	PALO ALTO	94304-1323	\$101.00	6006
							TOTAL	\$59,842.60	