



Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District

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NOTICE TO CLEAN PREMISES

(This is not a notice to grade your property)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all lot(s) or parcel(s) of land within the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, California, shall be abated of all fire hazards or conditions that will become a fire hazard.

Property owners or managers shall be responsible for maintaining proper defensible space and roadway clearance on said property year-round in compliance with **Fire District Ordinance 2015-01 and the 2017 County of San Diego Consolidated Fire Code** (outlined in enclosed “Hazard Abatement Requirements”). Annual weeds and grasses are required to be abated as soon as they mature and start to turn brown, but no later than **May 10, 2019**. Property owners are required to thin brush, native vegetation, and annual grasses within 20 feet of a public or private road. Grasses and weeds shall be no taller than 6” in height. Trees shall have a 13’6” vertical clearance adjacent to a roadway.

Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prevention Specialists will be making routine hazard abatement inspections. Owners of non-compliant properties will receive notification(s) to abate such hazards. If after thirty-five (35) business days, the hazard has not been abated, the property will be subject to the District’s *Forced Abatement Process*. Property owners or managers are strongly urged to arrange for the clearing of their own parcels, as the above requirements are strictly enforced. If your property is forcibly abated, the cost will be much higher than if you choose to abate the property yourself or commercially.

If you believe you have received this notice in error, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau. If you have any questions or weed abatement concerns, please contact a Fire Prevention Specialist as soon as possible at weedabatement@rsf-fire.org.

WARNING – ENVIRONMENTALLY PROTECTED PLANTS OR ANIMAL SPECIES

Clearing of vegetation as required by this letter that contains threatened or endangered species is subject to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). Deliberate take or clearing or removal beyond that specifically allowed by this notice and the MOU is not authorized and may be in violation of the State and Federal Endangered Species Act. Please contact the fire district with questions about compliance with the MOU and this notice. You should also contact USFWS at (760) 431-9440 or CDFG (858) 467-4201 if you have been notified that you have a threatened or endangered species on your property.