



Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District

Special Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday June 30, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Hidden Valley Lake CSD
Administration Office, Boardroom
19400 Hartmann Road
Hidden Valley Lake, CA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of weed abatement quote for the levee property APN 141-611-07.

- 6) PUBLIC COMMENT

- 7) BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

- 8) ADJOURNMENT

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**ACTION OF
HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

DATE: June 30, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of weed abatement quote for the levee property APN 141-611-07.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the most appropriate quote to abate weeds at the HVL CSD levee property.

The District has requested bids for weed abatement of this property. Thus far, only two companies have submitted bids to abate the weeds.

- Weed Tech \$7,800.00
- Kaos Sheep Outfit \$6,426.00

The sheep will be extremely difficult to keep out of the creek and backyards of the homes along this area. There are concerns that the District could be liable for damages to private property, shrubs and gardens if the sheep are used.

It is the recommendation of the District that this year, we pay Weed Tech for weed abatement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$6,426.00 or \$7,800.00

BACKGROUND:

For the past thirteen years, weed abatement of the property along the levee that parallels Mountain Meadow South has been conducted and paid for by the Hidden Valley Lake Association (Assoc.).

This year, the Assoc. notified Hidden Valley Lake CSD (District) that the property in fact belonged to the District and not the Assoc. and therefore the Assoc. would not be paying for the weed abatement.

In a gesture of good faith and in light of the late notice, the Assoc. included the property in question in a free weed abatement program through Cal Fire so the District could make arrangements for future weed abatement.

Unfortunately, the 2016/2017 fire season started earlier than expected and the fire crews performing the weed abatement were called off to address the massive fires statewide. The Assoc. was able to have the majority of their weed abatement completed but Cal Fire crews did not have the opportunity to address the District's property.

I became aware of this last week while meeting with Charles Russ, HVLA Operations Director. District staff and I considered the past practices and procedures performed by the Assoc. and dug deep into Lake County records to confirm that the property in fact is the District's responsibility.

This new revelation has both pros and cons.

Cons:

1. The District must abate the weeds as soon as practical.
2. The cost of weed abatement this year is above the G.M.'s approval amount of \$5K and comes in at \$7,800.00.

Pros:

1. Even though the date for required abatement has passed, the Fire Marshal, David Miinch, does not recognize this property as one that they would notice or site for failure to abate the weeds.
2. Ownership of this property means that we can classify the adjacent sewer lift station and Stormwater pump station as contiguous property to the solar array at the treatment plant. This means we will soon be requesting a modification to our agreement with PG&E so our solar array can provide power to these locations. The annual savings is not currently known, however, it will pay for a portion, if not all of the noted abatement cost.

The District plans to look at other alternative ways to abate these weeds in the future such as:

1. A cooperative agreement with Cal Fire for removal-Free. (The Assoc. is also eligible for this program.)
2. A Cooperative agreement with the county or California Conservation Corps.-Free. (The Assoc. is NOT eligible for this program.)
3. Minor earthworks to the area and purchase of specific equipment designed to address such areas. (Similar to what you see Caltrans use on roadsides.) This equipment would be paid for from PG&E savings due to the contiguous property mentioned above.

APPROVED
AS RECOMMENDED

OTHER
(SEE BELOW)

Modification to recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Kirk Cloyd, Secretary to the Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a special board meeting thereof held on June 30, 2016 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Secretary to the Board

WEED TECH

12285 High Valley Rd
Clearlake Oaks, Calif. 95423
Cal. QAL Lic. #100313
(707)998-1318

June 23, 2016

Dennis White;

Please find below the price you requested for weed cutting at the levee owned by HVL-CSD for the 2016 weed season:

North top of levee to back of HVL lots & inside bank of settlement pond, AP# 141-611-07

Price:\$7800.00

Weed Tech is licensed and insured and pays Workers' Comp for all employees.

Thanks,

Ronnie Bogner
Owner, WEED TECH

Kaos Sheep Outfit

620 sulphur bank drive
clearlake oaks, CA 95423

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
6/28/2016	1

Name / Address
Hidden Valley Lake CSD

Project

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Fire fuel reduction utilizing sheep	18	357.00	6,426.00
Thank you, Robert & Jaime			Total \$6,426.00

Customer Signature _____