November 10, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

PROTEST HEARING ON PROPOSED CONFIRMATION OF COSTS INCURRED FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT WORK LISTED ON EXHIBIT A (All S.D.s)

(Fiscal Impact: $76,021.07; Code Compliance Fund; Budgeted; Discretionary)

The Public Works Department requests your Board's approval and confirmation of costs for the cases listed in Exhibit A.

The building official determined that the condition of the listed properties constituted a public nuisance under Kern County Ordinance Code Chapter 8.44.

The property owners and responsible parties were notified that public nuisances existed on the subject properties and were provided with a description of the nuisances. The owners of the subject properties were given a reasonable time period to abate the nuisances and were notified of the right to an appeal.

The property owners failed to comply with their respective Notices and Orders, which were mailed via U.S. Mail, first-class postage prepaid and posted on the subject properties. The property owners failed to abate the nuisances. Therefore, the Public Works Department abated these nuisances pursuant to Kern County Ordinance Code Chapter 8.44.

The Notices and Orders to the property owners informed them that if they failed to abate, the County was required to abate the nuisances, with all costs associated with the abatement assessed against their respective properties and which could be collected as a special assessment on the tax bill.

A Notice of Protest Hearing on Proposed Confirmation of Costs for Nuisance Abatement Work and Statement of Verified Expenses shows the total expenses consisting of abatement and administrative costs in each case, and the respective Notice was posted on each of the subject properties and mailed via U.S. Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to each of the property owners in the manner prescribed in Kern County Ordinance Code Chapters 8.44 and 8.54.

Staff has reviewed the environmental effects of these enforcement actions and has determined that they are exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), per Sections 15061(b)(1), 15061(b)(2), 15061(b)(3), 15268 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

This Department is requesting that your Board conduct a hearing to confirm the cost for these abatements, to direct the Department to notify the subject property owners of your Board's decision in accordance with Kern County Ordinance Code Chapter 8.44, and to inform each property owner that if their respective cost remains unpaid for ten (10) days, it shall become a special assessment against their property.

All supporting documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board or the Public Works Department and are available upon request.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this item as to form.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Open hearing; receive public comment; close hearing;
2. Make finding that the projects are exempt from further CEQA review per Sections 15061(b)(1), 15061(b)(2), 15061(b)(3), 15268, and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
3. Receive and file report;
4. Adopt Resolution confirming costs incurred by County for work performed to abate the public nuisances on the subject properties;
5. Order that any costs attributable to the abatement of each of the subject properties, if not paid within ten (10) days, be a lien against the corresponding property and constitute a special assessment to be placed on the tax roll by the Auditor and to be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as ordinary County taxes on the real property from which the nuisance was abated;
6. Direct Public Works Department to mail notice of Board action to the property owner.

Sincerely,

Joshua Champlin
Director

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Attachment: Exhibit A
cc: CAO, County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

Item #	Case/APN Address/District	Owners	Applicable Notice & Order Mailed/Posted	Abatement Completed	Notice of Hearing Mailed/Posted	Abatement Cost/Administrative Penalties/Administrative Costs = Total
A	C080111 / 261-150-18 / 180th St W, Rosamond / D2	SOTO JULIO	02.18.25 / 03.17.25	05.04.26	10.09.26 / 10.12.26	$19,847.50 / $0 / $1,210 = $21,057.50
B	C082396 / 352-291-13 / 6409 Chimney Peak Av, Inyokern / D1	HELM GLEN – HELM TINA	01.12.26 / 01.14.26	05.07.26	10.09.26 / 10.14.26	$48,444 / $0 / $1,650 = $50,094
C	C082829 / 321-271-14 / 16820 Cypress St, Onyx / D1	LEWIS CHARLES W	02.26.26 / 02.27.26	05.18.26	10.09.26 / 10.14.26	$3,469.57 / $0 / $1,400 = $4,869.57