***Santa Margarita Fire Protection District***

***Po Box 67 22375 El Camino Real***

***Santa Margarita, California 93453-0067***

**WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

Date Posted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

    Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Santa Margarita Fire Protection District have a resolution that all noxious or dangerous weeds, or other flammable materials that endanger the public safety by creating a fire hazard, shall constitute a public nuisance. This nuisance must be abated by removal of said materials by:

Month:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Day:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If the nuisance has not been resolved by the above date the nuisance will be abated by district authorities, and the cost of the abatement will constitute a lien against the property until paid.

It has been determined that your property at APN\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_ constitutes such a nuisance. If this nuisance is not abated within 30 days of the date posted on this notice, it will be abated by the district, and the property owner will be liable for the cost of abatement.

Below are the guidelines for weed abatement in the district. Please contact the SMVFD Chief regarding any questions at: **805-438-3185**

**WEED ABATEMENT ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Safe conditions must be maintained on the entire property.

Properties are defined as follows:

* From the center line of the street to the center line of the alley behind
* From property line to property line on both sides
* The edge of the roadway (this is not a responsibility of the county)

Safe conditions include:

* Properties less than 3 acres shall be completely mowed to a **maximum height of four inches**.
* Where terrain and rocks make it impractical to mow completely, minimum clearance is required as follows:
* 50’ clearance from any improved roadway
* 50’ clearance along perimeters and firebreaks
* 100’ clearance on all sides of structures
* 30’ clearance under and around any trees
* Fields with growing hay and grains must be cut at harvest time. Uncut hay and grain is subject to abatement.
* Fenced pastures are exempt where livestock will significantly reduce weeds.