

# Contract Award Weed and Rubbish Abatement Services

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#### CURRENT

- The weed abatement program is required to ensure privately-owned lots and other areas are clear where weed abatement is necessary.
- Property owners are required to remove weeds and maintain parcels throughout the dry/fire season per City Code 9-08.
- Should the property owner fail to comply, the parcel will be cleared by the City contractor.
- The current weed abatement contract expires March 31, 2021.

#### **PROPOSED**

- The City desires to enter into a contract with County of Sonoma, California for weed and rubbish abatement services.
- The proposed contract is for a one-year period with three one-year extension options available and a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve and delegate authority to the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma for weed and rubbish abatement services for a one-year period with three one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the initial year; 2) authorize the City Manager to approve any of the three one-year options in the Agreement as necessary, up to an amount not-to-exceed the total budgeted for the Agreement by Council for that year; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute all such amendments and any necessary documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

## **QUESTIONS?**