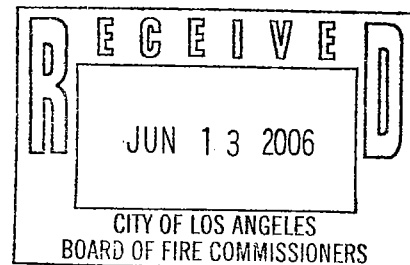


LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE
FIRE CHIEF

BFC 06-059



June 6, 2006

TO: The Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners
City of Los Angeles

FROM: William R. Bamattre, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: 2005 BRUSH CLEARANCE ASSESSMENT HEARING REPORT,
PROPOSED DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY

Ms. Patricia Heyne, Mr. Dave Shapiro and Mr. Jim Heyne, Hearing Officers, have completed the 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings. Attached are the Hearing Officers' 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report, Proposed Decisions and Recommendations for submittal to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners:

1. Approve the Hearing Officers' 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report (attached).
2. Direct the Department to mail notification of the 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report to each appellant as delineated in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section, 57.21.07 (attached).
3. Transmit the Hearing Officers' 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing Report to the City Attorney for notification.
4. Transmit the Hearing Officers' 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing Report to the Mayor for placement on the City Council calendar for City Council action.
5. Upon City Council action, direct the Department to forward the Report to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County Property Tax rolls.



FINDINGS

As directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Brush Clearance Unit held the 2005 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings during April and May 2005. The Assessment Hearings were held at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, located at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard Suite 451, Van Nuys, CA 91601. The Hearing Officers were randomly assigned the 79 Assessment Hearings that were requested by property owners. Property owners and Fire Department representatives presented all related information to the Hearing Officers regarding the specific property and the proposed assessed fees. The Hearing Officers have forwarded their combined Reports to the Fire Department for submittal to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

CONCLUSION

Transmittal of the attached Hearing Officers' Report, Proposed Decision and Recommendations by the Board of Fire Commissioners to the City Council for adoption and placement on the Los Angeles County Tax rolls will complete the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings for the year 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Bamattre", with a stylized, cursive script.

WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE
Fire Chief

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Attachments