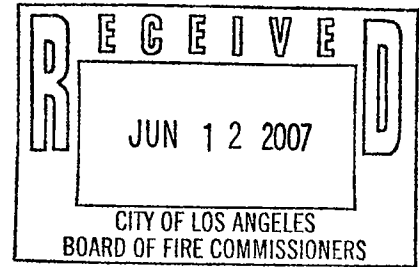


LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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INTERIM FIRE CHIEF



June 13, 2007

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. BFC 07-049

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Interim Fire Chief *DLB*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2006
BRUSH CLEARANCE ASSESSMENT APPEALS

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Recommendations: That the Board:

1. Approve the Hearing Officer's "Proposed Decisions and Recommendations."
2. Direct the Fire Department to mail the notification letter to the property owner regarding the Board of Fire Commissioners' findings, conclusion and proposed assessment.
3. Transmit the Board of Fire Commissioners approved report and proposed decision of the hearing officers to the City Attorney.
4. Transmit the Board of Fire Commissioners approved report to the Mayor for placement on the City Council calendar.
5. Upon City Council adoption of the report, direct the Fire Department to forward the report to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County 2007 Property Tax rolls.

Summary:

The Hearing Officers have completed the 2006 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals. Attached are their "Proposed Decisions and Recommendations" for review and approval.

FINDINGS

As directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners (BFC 06-006), the Brush Clearance Unit held the 2006 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals at the Marvin Braude Center located in San Fernando Valley from April 17 through May 3, 2007.

The Hearing Officers were randomly assigned 95 Brush Clearance 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 Report to the Fire Department for submittal to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

CONCLUSION

Transmittal of the attached "Report, Proposed Decision and Recommendations" by the Board of Fire Commissioners to the City Council for adoption and placement on the Los Angeles County 2007 Tax rolls. This will conclude the 2006 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals.

Board report prepared by Robert Knight, Captain II, and Kathy Dade, Management Analyst I, Brush Clearance Unit

Attachments