

Special Assessment for Hazardous Vegetation Abatement for APN # 773-22-02815825

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LETTER: Special Assessment for Hazardous Vegetation Abatement for APN # 773-22-02815825

I disagree with the following content of this letter:

- 1) " According to records given to the city, your property failed the county's initial inspection and the county had to re-inspect and/or perform weed control activities on your property in the last twelve months. "

*No one from the city inspected or did any work on my property
unless they trespassed without my consent.*

*Also I checked with the other residents of the property
and no one granted access to anyone from the city.*

Also I am checking with my neighbors to see if they granted access to my property.

*I have lived here for 39 years and every year April / May,
the weeds are weeded from corner to corner by me and my own resources.*

- 2) " As a result, your property has been placed on the assessment report for the 2015 weed abatement program. "

*Since no inspection, that I am aware of , to have been done,
I would like to understand how this conclusion was reached.*

Communications with Dwight.Good@fire.ca.gov

I have lived here for 39 years and every year ...[the work is done every year] by me and my own resources

All inspections for the hazardous vegetation abatement program are conducted from the public right of way. I sent notices to the property owner of record by first class US Mail in April, May, and June 2014, after inspecting your property from the public right of way - those notices identified the problem and required corrections.

I sent you notices by first class US Mail in April, May, and June, last year, after inspecting your property from the public right of way - those notices identified the problem(s) and required correction(s).

It is unfortunate that you did not respond. We would have been glad to answer any questions that you had, explain the requirements, and even provide you with additional resources, if requested.

*Since I did the work myself , I did not respond. That was an error in judgment on my part.
That I am definitely sorry about.*

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3) " This report identifies properties on which the county's contractor worked and the charges associated with that work. "

"The charges on the report will be added to your property tax bill this fall "

Since no work by the city done, I would like to understand why I am getting charged \$500

RESPONSE from Moe Kumre :

Hello Mark

The assessment is for work performed last year by order of the Fire Marshal.

Work was required in your driveway to provide proper clearance.

The driveway must be clear to 10' wide by 13' 6" high

This work was done in September of 2014.

Each year the assessments must be submitted to the tax collector no later than August 10th.

For this reason any work after this date would need to be charged in the next calendar year.

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Moe,

I do not believe this work was done by the city
as I asked everyone who lives at this residence
and no one saw any one do this work.

Are you sure that it was my residence ?

My address is on Sunnyside Ave (legacy address)
but since they built the new houses (~ 10 years ago)
we are now really on La Vista Court.

Sincerely Mark O Bagula

Also I just checked with my wife .

In September she was up and down the drive way 2-3 times every day and she saw no one doing any work.

4) "The council will send the final report on the 2015 weed abatement program to the county assessor's office and request that the charges on the report be added to 2015/2016 property tax assessments. "

*I am retired and I am living on a fixed income and cannot afford this assessment.
So that is why I have this work myself.*

Please consider the above, and let me know the best way this can be resolved.
Respectfully yours, Mark O. Bagula

