



CITY OF MORRO BAY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

715 Harbor Street
Morro Bay, CA 93442



April 1, 2017

NOTICE TO CLEAR WEEDS AND DEBRIS

THE ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM TARGETS POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS IN THE CITY, AND, IS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MORRO BAY MUNICIPAL CODE (CHAPTERS 1.03 AND 8.12), CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19, DIVISION 1, (SECTION 3.07(B)), AND 2016 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (SECTION 304.1.2 & Chapter 49).

This is your notification for the 2017 Weed Abatement Program. Every property owner receives this notice as a reminder of our annual Weed Abatement Program. Please keep in mind that **THIS IS THE ONLY NOTIFICATION YOU WILL RECEIVE**. The latest assessor's tax information indicates you are the owner of the parcel number indicated on the address label. Please notify us immediately if you no longer own this property. If your property is already clear of hazardous weeds and debris, we thank you for your diligence.

As the owner, you have the responsibility to abate any fire hazards or conditions that may exist on your property by **June 15, 2017**. Due to the extended growing season, we request that owners abate their parcels between **May 15 and June 15**. **Please note that if your parcel is cut early, and the City experiences late rains, which cause the vegetation on the property to grow before it is inspected (around June 15), we will require that it be further abated.** The City **DOES NOT** abate properties that are in violation. **Administrative Citations (Fine Amount \$108 for first offense) will be issued to property owners who fail to comply.**

ABATEMENT GUIDELINES

- # Clear annual grasses and weeds on empty lots to no more than 4" high by mowing (disking or rototilling is not permitted).
- # Remove dead bushes, tree limbs, excess trash, wood and other combustibles. Side and backyards shall be abated.
- # All cuttings within 10 feet of adjoining properties, streets or sidewalks must be removed and **sidewalks, gutter and street areas shall be left clean**. No piles or clumps shall be left on the property; however, finely cut material may be scattered, **providing, the above requirements are met and material will not blow onto adjoining properties or street areas.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in the interest of keeping Morro Bay a fire-safe community. If you have special problems, questions or need assistance, please contact the Morro Bay Fire Department at (805) 772-6242 (attention Fire Marshal) or visit the Official City Website at www.morrobayca.gov scroll to Departments, Fire, Prevention, and Weed Abatement.