



FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY

PRESS RELEASE **ISSUE DATE: IMMEDIATELY**

2012 ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Arroyo Grande, City of Grover Beach and the Oceano Community Services District will begin their Annual Weed Abatement Program for weeds and other combustible debris for the 2012 fire season. Five Cities Fire Authority (“Authority”) personnel will be doing inspections in each jurisdiction April 3 – 10, 2012. Lists will be made of the properties found in violation and “Notice to Abate Fire Hazard” letters will be mailed on April 12, 2012 to the property owners. Arroyo Grande and Oceano property owners have a deadline of May 13, 2012 to abate and remove all fire hazards from their property. Grover Beach property owners have until June 6, 2012. Authority personnel will re-inspect properties after the compliance deadlines. Properties still needing abatement will be turned over to the Authority’s weed abatement contractor and will be abated and cleared. Property owners will be charged for the contractor’s fee and administrative fees. Since each jurisdiction has adopted different Municipal Codes and Government Codes, the Authority follows the procedures for each community. Please check our website at www.fivecitiesfireauthority.org for detailed information on Grover Beach and Oceano meetings, public hearings and cost protest hearings.

The Five Cities Fire Authority urges everyone to cooperate and make the cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach and Oceano District fire-safe and free of unnecessary debris and litter.

If you have any questions regarding weed abatement, please call the Five Cities Fire Authority at 473-5486.

/s/: Joel Aranz _____
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March 23, 2012 _____
DATE

Protecting Life, Property and the Environment