



# FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **ISSUE DATE: IMMEDIATELY**

### **2013 ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

The City of Grover Beach will begin its Annual Weed Abatement Program for weeds and other combustible debris for the 2013 fire season. Five Cities Fire Authority (“Authority”) personnel will be conducting the inspections. A list of the properties found in violation will be prepared and “Notice to Abate Fire Hazard” letters will be mailed to the property owners. Property owners in Grover Beach will be expected to clear their properties within 30 days from the Public Hearing on June 3, 2013 when the Council is scheduled to order abatement (June 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>). Authority personnel will re-inspect properties after the compliance deadline. All properties not in compliance by the July 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline will be abated and cleared by the Authority’s weed abatement contractor. Property owners will be charged for the contractor’s fee plus administrative fees.

The Five Cities Fire Authority urges everyone to cooperate and make Grover Beach fire-safe and free of unnecessary debris and litter. Please cut your weeds and maintain your property to protect your home from vegetation fires. If you are on larger property, please clear a perimeter of up to thirty feet around all structures. With your assistance, we can reduce fire risks in our community.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding weed abatement, please check our website at [www.fivecitiesfireauthority.org](http://www.fivecitiesfireauthority.org) or call the Five Cities Fire Authority – Vegetation Management Office at (805) 473-5486.

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