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Staff Report

Item # 9

To: Lemoore City Council
From: David Wlaschin, Director of Public Works
Date: September 1, 2011
Subject: Abatement of Public Nuisances and Setting a Public Hearing

Background:

Staff has attempted to work with the property owners of properties listed on the attached Resolution. The properties have become a public nuisance and a safety violation as defined in Section 8-2-1 of the Municipal Code. Staff will be contacting these property owners about the abatement and public hearing.

The process for abatement of these buildings is as follows:

1. Council pass attached resolution declaring properties a nuisance and setting hearing date 30 days thereafter.
2. Public Hearing before City Council to determine the extent of the problem and to direct the abatement of the nuisances either by repair or by removal of the building(s).
3. At conclusion of hearing, Council will direct owner as to findings and provide 30 days for owner to complete the work described in the abatement resolution. If not completed, direct Public Works Director to have Council direction carried out.
4. The abatement work (either demolition or repair) is completed.
5. Hearing on report of abatement costs to Council.
6. File lien to recover abatement costs of the City.

To begin this process, the first requirement is that the City Council approve the attached Resolution and Notice of Hearing setting October 18, 2011 as date of abatement hearing. Included are a map, addresses, and pictures identifying properties for your convenience.

Budget Impact:

None at this time.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the attached Resolution and Notice of Hearing to abate structures as listed in same.