

# San Simeon Community Services District



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## NOTICE

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**Subject:***Annual Weed Abatement Program*

Dear San Simeon Resident:

This notice is to advise all residents of the need to abate weeds on all lots within the community. The California Department of Forestry will start inspections in San Simeon in mid June. The deadline to comply with San Simeon CSD requirements is **June 11<sup>th</sup>**. The following criteria should be used to clear any areas which you are responsible for:

- All weeds must be mowed to a maximum of six (6) inches in height and all firebreaks must be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet in width. Discing is not sufficient to meet the abatement requirements.
- All pampas grass, sagebrush/greasewood, poison oak, berry vines and fire ladders will be removed from all lots and fire breaks. Fire ladders are the lower limits of a tree which allow fire to progress from the grass or brush into the tree. Limbs shall be cut off at the trunk and sealed to prevent insect infestation.
- Scotch broom will need to be removed when it denies access to structure.
- All fallen wood greater than twelve (12) inches in diameter should be cut and stacked neatly out of access lanes in firebreaks, or in the middle of cleared lots.
- All possible efforts should be made to avoid cutting seedling pines. Save as many of native shrubs as possible, such as oaks, toyon, coffee berry, oso berry, currants and gooseberries. Be careful not to scar or girdle the base of shrubs and trees with weed whackers.
- Do not use herbicides, such as Roundup.
- All material cleared from lots shall be hauled away. Debris cannot be dumped on adjoining or uncleared portions of lots.

**The District thanks you for your cooperation.**