

# San Simeon Community Services District



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## NOTICE

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

Dear San Simeon Property Owner:

This notice is to advise all property owners of the need to abate weeds on all lots within the community. The California Department of Forestry has already started inspections in San Simeon. The deadline to comply with San Simeon CSD requirements is **June 11<sup>th</sup>**. The criteria below should be adhered to when clearing your properties:

- Per Ordinance 93 all weeds must be mowed to a height of six (6) inches. This is a minimum requirement, thus a shorter cut will reduce the likelihood of the need to cut a second time.
- **Discing is not sufficient in meeting the abatement requirements.** Discing flattens the weeds and does not completely remove them.
- All firebreaks must be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet in width.
- 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.**