

Weed Abatement Standard

410.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Policy defines the weed abatement standard that will be utilized by the District.

410.2 POLICY

Fresno County ORDINANCE 8.32.02 identifies areas of Fire Hazards to include areas covered by weeds or growing on any property, street, alleyway, sidewalk, or on any private property. ([Fresno County Code of Ordinance 8.32.020](#))

A Fire Hazard constitutes a threat to real property (i.e., structures, barns, sheds, out buildings, fences), and not just capable of burning.

410.3 STANDARD

Areas, Five (5) Acres or Less:

- (a) All property shall be cleared of all dry grass, weeds, rubbish, trash, litter, tires, tree stumps, and other waste material, or any flammable material. This includes along property lines/boundaries and along roadways.
- (b) All Tumble weeds shall be removed.
- (c) Vacant property shall be completely disced or mowed to a height of less than four (4) inches.

Areas, Larger Than Five (5) Acres:

- (a) Property must have a thirty (30) foot clearance between the property line / fence line and the vegetation area. The property will also be crisscrossed with thirty (30) foot clearance lanes leaving sections of no more than five (5) acres. This clearance is usually completed by discing.
- (b) A thirty (30) foot clearance shall be maintained around any structure.

Photovoltaic Solar Panels;

- (a) A clear, brush-free area of 10 feet (30 feet in the SRA) shall be required around ground-mounted photovoltaic arrays. This area shall also be cleared of all dry grass, weeds, rubbish, trash, litter, tires, tree stumps, and other waste material, or any flammable material.
- (b) Areas within the solar array must be maintained free of flammable material, annual vegetation must be maintained at a height of less than (4) inches.

NOTE: Fenced pasture land, with grazing animals on property, will be allowed a variance.

If the property is deemed a Fire Hazard a notice of abatement will be mailed to the property owner. The property owner will have ten (10) days to abate the Fire Hazard. If the Fire Hazard has not been abated by the end of the ten (10) day notice, the District will dispatch a Fire Prevention Officer and a citation will be issued.