



**2024 Notice of SVHOA Board Proactive Weed Abatement Program concerning Common Area annual grasses Prior to the Scheduled SVHOA Weed Abatement in late May/early June**

At this time of the year, the Board of Directors receives inquiries asking the timing of the Secluded Valley Homeowners Association Common Area annual weed abatement program. After the temperature heats up, some angst occurs as the annual grasses dry out, winds pick up and the news begins to show grass fires in parts of the Bay Area. This notice advises Members of the anticipated timing of the SVHOA annual Common Area weed abatement and outlines procedures for any Members who wish to undertake earlier cutting or mowing in the Common Area.

This year's ample rains have caused the grasses to grow taller and to remain green longer than in recent years. The SVHOA contractor will not cut the grasses until they dry, which may result in some delay. The Board will monitor the situation and keep you advised. However, we currently anticipate mowing will be scheduled no earlier than late May and possibly in early June.

In the meantime, the Board has decided to renew its **Proactive Weed Abatement Program for Qualified Members** who wish to cut or mow Common Area annual grasses prior to the SVHOA scheduled mowing. **Any Member who wishes to participate in this voluntary early program may do so by meeting the following conditions:**

1. **Members who qualify for this program must pay for the entire project costs and assume full legal liability while working in the Common Area and hold both the Board and Association harmless.**
2. **A Member's Property must either abut the SVHOA Common Area or have other special circumstances which must be identified in writing.**
3. **Members must file a complete written application and send it to the SVHOA Board email address: [svhoa\\_board@googlegroups.com](mailto:svhoa_board@googlegroups.com) The application must attach pictures, a map or specific written details of the area showing where the Member's weed abatement will be conducted and state the reason for the proposed abatement.**
4. **Any work to abate the annual grasses must be conducted in the following manner:**
  - a) **All work must be performed by an implement as noted on the application. NO OTHER MEANS WILL BE ALLOWED, INCLUDING USE OF DEFOLIANTS OR OTHER CHEMICALS. FIRE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
  - b) **Any work such as weed whacking or mowing must be conducted on a calm weather day such that winds will not widely disperse any dust or debris.**
  - c) **Any work must be performed by the Member or his named representative.**
  - d) **All pathways and streets must be blown clean of resulting dirt or debris.**

The Board or Maintenance Committee will contact Members to clarify any questions or concerns. A Member **MAY NOT PROCEED** until they have received the Board or Maintenance Committee's **written approval**.

**Eliot Hudson**  
**President, Secluded Valley Homeowners Association**



**SVHOA MEMBER'S APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE in the SVHOA Proactive Weed Abatement Program for Qualified Members**

\_\_\_\_\_Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Member Address Phone Email Address

I desire to participate in the SVHOA Proactive Weed Abatement Program for the following reason(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

The work will be scheduled on the following date(s) \_\_\_\_\_. I will notify the Board if the work is delayed.

The work will be performed only in the project area shown or described in the attached picture, map or specific written details [ATTACH a clear delineation of the project area].

The following individual, if not the Member, will be the person who will perform the work: \_\_\_\_\_.

The implement that will be used to abate the annual grasses is: \_\_\_\_\_.

I agree to hold the SVHOA, its Board and committee members harmless for all legal liability for damage or injury to persons or properties resulting from my project as noted by my initials. The only exception will be injury or damage resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct of the SVHOA or its representatives. (\_\_\_\_)

I understand the conditions that the Board has listed in the Notice transmitting this Application, and by signing this Application I agree to all conditions as stated including the dates for the planned project, the limitations to the project area and the method to be used. I also understand that the Homeowner must bear all costs and hold the SVHOA legally Harmless. I also understand the Board is utilizing this program only for the present year and this Application does not permit any work in the Common Area except as stated above. I understand no work may be performed without the written approval of the SVHOA Board or Maintenance Committee.

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Homeowner Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of \_\_\_\_\_