

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS



September 29, 1965

Mr. Paul W. Hand, Director Bureau of Indian Affairs 509 Industrial Place Palm Springs, California

SUBJECT: Public Nulsance Abatements, Palm Springs Indian Allotments - Section 14

Dear Mr. Hand:

Handed to you, herewith, is a list of Allotment Parcels (on Form 1) determined to have in existence a Public Nuisance. Authorization for burning is also submitted. (Form 2). As soon as these are signed and returned to the Bureau of Fire Prevention, work should commence. However, please post date as of September 30, 1966.

Since conferring with you on September 20, 1965, the writer has checked the cost of removal of debris after burning. The cost of removing the debris is such that removal is out of the question at this time.

All combustible rubbish, trash, litter, abandoned buildings and waste will be pushed into piles and burned by the Fire Department.

This procedure will clear the land of combustible rubbish, trash, litter, abandoned buildings and waste, however, burned piles of debris will remain. It is planned that the piles will be reasonably small and leave the area so the general appearance of the parcel should be greatly improved.

No Dumping Signs will be placed in the area.

Thank you for your cooperation, and may we hear from you at any early date.

Sincerely,

/JAMES E. HARRIS, Fire Marshal JH/j

SECTION 14 ABATEMENT ARE

PHASE 1' MEMORANDUM OF PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT

1965

Mr. Paul W. Hand

September 29 DATE Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs

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FROM: James E. Harris

Fire Marshal - Bureau of Fire Prevention

SUBJECT: PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT of Combustible Abandoned Buildings, Rubbish, Trash, Litter and Waste of any kind existing on the following Indian Land Allotments within the City of Palm Springs.

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BLOCK NO.	ALLOTMENT NO.	LOT NO. ADDRESS, if any
46	· · · · ·	
47		
50		
51		



The above list is submitted in order to obtain from the Guardian, Conservator or Allottee as listed above, a signed authorization for the Fire Department to handle-the burning of the Public_Nuisance on the specific allotment. To further define location an overlay map is attached. Scale of

overlay is 1" = 200'.

Jamas E. Harris, Fire Marshal By: Title

Bureau of Fire Prevention

FPB/Ind.Res./Form 1

IN REPLY REFER TO:



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Palm Springs Office 509 Industrial Place Palm Springs, California

October 4, 1965

Mr. James E. Harris Fire Marshal City Hall, 3200 McCallum Way Palm Springs, California

Dear Mr. Harris:

Enclosed herewith are permits secured from Marian Arenas, Conservator for Lee Arenas, owner of Block 46 and the N-1/2 of Block 47, Security First National Bank, Conservator for Richard Brown Arenas, owner of the S-1/2 of Block 47 and all of Block 50, and Walter Melrose, Guardian for Darlene Diaz, owner of Block 51, all in the SW-1/4 of Section 14, T4S, R4E, covering the burning of debris located on such blocks.

Field investigation reveals that there is a family living in one of these shacks. He has been informed by this office that he will be notified to vacate not less than three days prior to the time the burning of the debris is to take place in order that he may be afforded an opportunity to move.

Please be advised that this office of the Bureau endorses completely the program contemplated. We shall appreciate being informed as to your schedule so that the family referred to above may be notified to vacate.

Sincerely yours, > Hanc Paul W. Hand

Paul W. Hand Director

PERMIT TO BURN DEBRIS

I,Marian Arenas	, Conservator, Guardian, or
Allottee, for the Palm Springs Indian Allotme	nt No. "C" , do hereby
give authority to the City of Palm Springs, C	alifornia, by and through its
Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, t	o burn the debris located on N/2 of Block 47
Palm Springs Allotment No. "C", Block N	
said burning of debris shall be accomplished	on or prior to the following
date:	

DATED at Palm Springs, California; this _____day of _____, Pala, California 1965.

> -Conservator/Guardian/Allottee-for-Indian-Allotment-No.

Said city will hold the undersigned individually and in her capacity as Conservator for this estate, free from any and all liability which could result from the city's activity on this land and said city shall not burn or remove the trees on the premises herein described.

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Conservator/Guardian/Allottee for Indian Allottment No.

PERMIT TO BURN DEBRIS

, Malter Melrose , Conservator, Guardian, er-
Allottee, for the Palm Springs Indian Allotment No, do hereby
give authority to the City of Palm Springs, California, by and through its
Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, to burn the debris located on
Palm Springs Allotment No. 109 , Block No. 51 , Lot (s) No,
said burning of debris shall be accomplished on or prior to the following
date:

DATED at Palm Springs, California, this **lst** day of **October**,

Conservator/Guardian/Allottee for Indian-

This authority is granted to the city under the condition that the city will hold harmless and defend against all claims of ligbility against the undersigned in his individual capacity and in his capacity as his guardian and the estate of this ward.

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Conservator/Guardian/Allottee for Indian Allottment No.

PERMIT TO BURN DEBRIS

I, <u>Security First National Bank</u>, Conservator, Guardian, or Allottee, for the Palm Springs Indian Allotment No. <u>1</u>, do hereby give authority to the City of Palm Springs, California, by and through its Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, to burn the debris located on Palm Springs Allotment No. <u>1</u>, BlocksNo.<u>Sk</u> 47, 50, Lot (s) No. <u>--</u>, said burning of debris shall be accomplished on or prior to the following date: January 1, 1966

DATED at Palm Springs, California, this <u>lst</u>day of <u>October</u>, 1965.

SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK JOHN S. EARLY, Assistant Trust Officer by: Conservator/Guardian/Allottee for Indian Allotment No. 1

This authority is granted to the city under the condition that the city will hold harmless and defend against all claims of liability against the undersigned in its individual capacity and its capacity as conservator of the estate of this ward.

It is further held within this authority that the city exercise all due and reasonable precautions to avoid destruction or damage of living trees, shrubs, etc.



DATE: October 5, 1965

TO: Fire Chief

FROM: City Manager

SECTION 14 BURNING

Council has approved controlled burning on Section 14. Please take a number of pictures *m* before, during, and after cleanup program and file a set with me. Also notivy the press when you turn on the fire.

FDA:LH

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- DATE: October 12, 1965
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Fire Suppression Officers

FROM: Bureau of Fire Prevention - Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: OPERATION: Controlled Burn, re: Public Nuisance Abatement - Section 14. Portion of Blocks 46,47,50,51

THE OPERATION, has the sanction of the City Manager, City Council and Chief Empey. This activity, is part of a Public Nuisance Abatement Program now underway.

FOLLOWING IS THE PLANNED SCHEDULE, RE: BLOCKS 46, 47, 50 & 51

1) October 18, 1965, Heavy Equipment will start pushing abandoned structures, rubbish, trash, litter and waste into piles suitable for burning.

 October 19, 1965, assigned fire department personnel and equipment will handle the controlled burning.

A night standby will be necessary during the controlled burning period.

4) Working equipment and burning operations will be continuous until parcels 46,
47. 50 & 51 are satisfactorily abated.

5) When further burning of the rubble is of no value, fire department personnel will extinguish same dead out. Heavy equipment will then push the remaining debris into neat piles for removal at a later date.

6) Parcels abated will be posted with "NO DUMPING" signs.

As the Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, obtains "Authorization to Burn" from Conservators/Guardian/Allottee, and specific identification of parcels, and mapping, and photographs taken - additional "Controlled Burning" will be handled.

SUGGESTIONS, RE: IMPROVING ANY METHOD OF THE CONTROLLED BURN WILL BE WELCOMED.

cc: Batt. Ch. Goff; Captains Stiddes, Lewis, Norris, Moser, Brower, Coletti

lano JAMES E. HARRIS, Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal

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CITY OF PALM SPRINGS California

OFFICE OF

October 13, 1965

Public Service Announcement, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SUBJECT: OPERATION: Controlled Burn, re: Públic Núisance Abatement, Portion of Blocks 46, 47, 50, & 51 - Section 14.

THIS ACTIVITY, IS PART OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROGRAM NOW UNDER-WAY.

FOLLOWING IS THE PLANNED SCHEDULE, RE: BLOCKS 46, 47, 50 & 51

1) October 18, 1965, Heavy Equipment will start pushing abandoned structures, rubbish, trash, litter and waste into piles suitable for burning.

2) October 19, 1965, assigned fire department personnel and equipment will handle the controlled burning.

3) The burning procedure will be handled as rapidily as possible. A night standby will be used by the fire department during the controlled burning operation.

For orientation purposes as to location of blocks 46, 47, 50 & 51, the following is submitted:

Blocks are located between Arenas Road, Saturnino Road and Calle Encillia, El Segundo Roads.

FIRE CHIEF WARREN D. EMPEY

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JAMES E. HARRIS, CHIEF OF FIRE PREVENTION, (Fire Marshal)

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COMMUNIQUE TO: Desert Sun Newspaper Daily Enterprise Newspaper Radio Stations: KCMJ; KDES; KPAL; DATE: 10/12/65 - 9:30 A.M.

TO: F.P.B. - file

FROM: Chief Harris

SUBJECT: Section 14, Blks. 46,47,50,51 - Abatement

Phoned Mr. Paul Hand, Director of Indian Affairs and informed him that abatement would start on 10/18/65. Requested Mr. Hand to notify the occupants of the Building referred to in his correspondence of 10/4/65.

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DATE	10/14/65
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TO: F.P.B. file

FROM: Chief J. Harris

SUBJECT: Abatement - Section 14, Blks. 46, 47, 50, & 51, Starting 10/18/65.

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Notified the following by phone and confirmed with written confirmation & Map.

Southern California Gas Co. California Water & Telephone Co. Southern California Edison Co.

Desert Sun Newspaper Daily Enterprise Newspaper Radio Stations: KCMJ; KDES; KpAL

James E. Harris

OF PALM SPRINGS CALIFORNIA

DATE: 10/7/65

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Frank D. Aleshire, City Manager

James E. Harris, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Section 14 Abatement Program Blocks #46 - 47 - 50 - 51



Per your request the following photographs and orientation maps are submitted. Locations photographed prior to abatement.

MAP SYMBOLS:

size or location)

shot in relation to photograph.



Block numbers













Por. Blk. 50, view northeast - closeup 10/7765 jh/ar





















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DATE:

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October 26, 1965

cc: City Council & Don Abercrombie

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FROM:

City Manager

Fire Chief

CLEANUP

FDA:LH

At Council Meeting October 25, an additional \$10,000 was appropriated to continue the cleanup program in Section 14. This will supplement the \$5,000 appropriated in the current City budget.

The Council was very pleased with the progress being made by the Fire Department. We want to use the additional money to continue the program and to keep it moving as rapidly as possible. When you have completed the work in the section you are now in, expand the program in other areas of the City where similar problems exist. I would suggest that we do not spend money to haul burned rubbish to the dump at this time. Try to get as much help as you can from the Public Work's Department, particularly from the new cleanup crew and truck assigned to the Public Work's Department.

I have hired Don Abercrombie on a temporary basis to work with you in this program. For the time being he will be directly under your supervision and can be used in any way you see fit.

One of the things I think he should do is to set up some meetings with Conservators, Guardians, and Indians to explain the program and get their full cooperation. I would suggest that you have a meeting with Paul Hand and get his advice on how such a meeting can be set up.

I also think it is important to keep good records of this total program as you are doing in the Before and After photographs. Also try to include some estimates of cost and man power expended. If possible try to relate the cost to specific pieces of property. One of the things that was discussed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indians at one time was the possibility of getting them to pay part of the cost of cleanup. This is a subject that should be aired at the meeting with the Indians. I will be glad to work with you in preparing for the meeting and I'll plan on attending. We should also notify members of the City Council about the meeting so that they can be present. DATE: November 1, 1965

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CROM: James E. Harris, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Section 14 Abatement Program Blocks # 46 - 47 - 50 - 51



Per your request the following photographs are submitted.

Demolition of structures.

Debris, rubble and trash pushed in piles.

Burning of debris.

Fire Suppression crews on standby.

Photographs of area after abatement.













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FROM:

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J. E. Harris, Battalion Chief - Fire Prevention Bureau

J. Stickles, Captain

SUBJECT

Section 14, Abatement - Phase I Blocks 46,47,50%51

Fire Suppression activities in the above abatement consisted of the following:

Personnel (fire watch and control) - 124 hrs. Apparatus (unit # 129) - 80 hrs. Hose lines laid (21 inch) - 1,000 ft. Hose lines laid (12 inch) - 200 ft. Booster lines laid - 200 ft. Miscellaneous nozzles and fittings

J. L. Stickles, Capt.



CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

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DATE: 11/15/65

- TO: F. P. B. Files
- FROM: J. E. Harris, Fire Marshal
- SUBJECT: Section 14, Abatement Phase | Blocks 46, 47, 50 & 51

Fire Prevention activities in the above abatement consisted of the following:

Personnel(Survey, Photographing, Mapping and
field supervision)142 hoursPersonnel(Office procedure re: above)85 hoursPersonnel(2 Neighborhood Youth Corps were used)3 days

The above-mentioned activities covers Phase #1 only. This does not cover activities of planning prior to Phase #1.



James E. Harris, Fire Marshal













Por BIKs. 47=50, view west from E1 Segundo 10/29/65 da

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Por. Blk. 46, northwest from El Segundo 10/29/65 da

