

RESOLUTION NO. 23-138
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED
PROTECTION DISTRICT GRAFFITI ABATEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the District operates and maintains 216 miles of improved 'Red Line' channels in Ventura County which provide vital services for protecting life and property from flood risks. These channels often become visible hot spots for graffiti and trash, causing negative impacts on the community.

WHEREAS, the District has experienced an increase of graffiti in, on, or within District owned property in a Red Line Channels or related critical infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the District does not have a duty to remove graffiti from property and/or facilities it does not own.

WHEREAS, the District prosecutes mission work using Benefit Assessment Zone funds which are limited, and conducts graffiti removal subject to the availability of funds.

WHEREAS, the District abates graffiti consistent with Ventura County Ordinance No. 4039 which defines graffiti as; "any unauthorized inscription, word, figure, or design that is marked, etched, scratched, drawn, or painted on any public or private property located within the unincorporated area of the County visible to the public, including but not limited to, structures, sidewalks, signs, trees and vehicles."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby:

1. Authorize and establish Ventura County Watershed Protection District Graffiti Abatement Policy.
 - a. Where, Graffiti will be abated with District Zone funds for offensive graffiti which is publicly visible and offends sectors of our community perceived as inflammatory or inciting violence and/or hate. Graffiti classified as offensive may include the following:
 - i. Offensive language;
 - ii. Language of a politically, racially, religiously insulting, inciting nature;
 - iii. Hate statements;
 - iv. Graphically explicit images; and,
 - v. Images which are visually/textually offensive

- b. Where, the District at its discretion may coordinate graffiti removal for graffiti which is not offensive, such as tags or unauthorized murals/artwork visible to the public, and may be covered by volunteers authorized to enter District facilities.
- c. Where, District graffiti abatement within its facilities may require coordination with other cities, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, and local law enforcement agencies for site access and or security requirements.
- d. Where, District staff may also coordinate with local volunteer groups graffiti abatement training, supplies, and access permitting for graffiti abatement on District facilities.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Gorell, and duly carried, the Board hereby adopts this resolution on the 17th day of October 2023.



Chair, Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Watershed
Protection District

ATTEST:

Dr. SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District State of California

By Lou Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board

