2011 Minimum Weed Abatement Standards:

A. **Parcels five acres or less in size:**
Maintain all weeds at a height of **no more than 3 inches**. Weeds and grass must be disked, (see "Disking Quality" below), mowed, with material mulched, or raked and bagged, and removed from the parcel. **Parcels may require additional abatement during the season due to the regrowth of weeds and other flammable vegetation**

B. **Parcels greater than five acres in size:**
Shall be provided with **60-foot fuel breaks and 30-foot cross breaks,** (see "h" and "i" below). Cross breaks should divide the parcel into approximately 5-acre sections. **Fence lines may require handmowing/weedeating to ensure completion of fuel break.** When terrain is too steep or rugged for a tractor, a hand mowed fuel break may be required.

C. **Fuel breaks along roadways:** are required as part of the parcel line. Road right-of-ways shall be cleared for a minimum of **10 feet** from the edge of black top and **13'6" vertically**.

D. **Active pastureland** shall be provided with **30-foot wide fuel breaks and cross breaks** if a sufficient number of animals are present to steadily reduce height of grass during the summer months to 3 inches or less by the end of September. If not active, a **60-foot width** is required for both fuel breaks and cross breaks.

E. **Active cropland** shall be provided with **30-foot fuel breaks** or cross breaks if the crop is to be harvested by mid-June. If later harvest, a **60-foot width** is required.

F. **Orchards** are to be maintained by complete abatement, including grass under the tree branches. This may require pruning of lower branches to allow equipment access.

G. **Tree litter** (eucalyptus leaves and bark, coniferous needles, etc.) shall be removed from the base of trees, tree stems, and limbs within 10 foot of the ground and maintained throughout the fire season.

H. **60-foot fuel breaks must be around all structures**, combustible storage, trees, shrubs and brush, **along all ridges,** each side of all roads, fence lines, ditches and creeks. Fuel breaks and cross breaks is a continuous strip of disked or dozed ground following as closely as possible to the parcel line, and along one side of all fence lines, ditches, and on top of all ridges. Remove from the parcel all rubble, junk, piles of dirt, etc., which would obstruct or impede vehicles and equipment used for abatement work or fire suppression.

I. **Mowed fuel breaks** are required to be 60 feet wide and cross breaks 40 feet wide due to ability of fire to cross-remaining surface material.

DISKING QUALITY / REGROWTH:

All disking work, including fuel breaks, shall be completed so that all weeds, grass, crops or other vegetation or organic material, which could be expected to burn, shall be completely removed or turned under so there is insufficient fuel to sustain or allow the spread of fire.

Certain parcels may require additional or more stringent abatement because of special problems regarding terrain, growth, location, land use, or fire history of the parcel.

Parcels may require additional abatement during the season due to the regrowth of weeds and other flammable vegetation