

FAQ: Prosser Building Demolition

Q: Why is the demolition occurring now?

A: The property has become a public nuisance. There has been minor vandalism, trespassing and illegal camping at the site. The District would like to be a good neighbor and eliminate this community safety hazard.

Q: Was there a board vote?

A: Yes, the District Board of Directors reviewed this issue and voted on it in September.

Q: How much will it cost?

A: The total cost is estimated to be \$27,820, including demolition (\$19,700; asbestos and lead testing and removal (\$7,750); and the County permit (\$370).

Q: Is a permit required for this work?

A: Yes. The District obtained a demolition permit from the County of Santa Cruz. The project also was reviewed by the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District.

Q: Is the building historic?

A: No. In fact, it was red tagged by the County due to the previous owner's unpermitted construction activities.

Q: What was the building used for previously?

A: The building had been the site of a building supply business and has stood empty since the District acquired the property several years ago.

Q: How will the small wetland area be impacted?

A: The small wetland will not be impacted. The building is more than 100 feet from the wetland area. Also, as part of obtaining a demolition permit, an environmental planner with the County reviewed the project for possible impacts to the wetlands.

Q: Will the demolition save the District money?

A: Eliminating the attractive nuisance of dilapidated buildings will save money and effort patrolling and responding to unauthorized trespassing. The risk of liability will also be reduced.

Q: Is the demolition related to the recently-approved rate increase?

A: No.

Q: What will happen to the property?

A: The current plan is to maintain the property in its cleared state until the District determines to improve or sell it.

Q: Is the demolition related to the District's previous plan for a new administrative headquarters?

A: There is no current plan to move forward with a new administrative headquarters.