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AGENDA: JANUARY 26, 1999

January 13, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: 1999/2000 COUNTY SERVICE AREA BENEFIT ASSESSMENT HEARINGS

Members of the Board:

Santa Cruz County Government Code Section 4.26 requires that your Board take specific annual actions to set and approve County Service Area (CSA) benefit assessment and service charge rates. Due to the passing of Proposition 218, "The Right to Vote on Taxes Act," which mandated certain changes related to the collection of special levies, it is necessary for this department to establish and follow different approval schedules depending on whether or not the levy is increased, the type of service area, and category of change. These are as follows:

Road Association CSAs:

Notices have been mailed to service area representatives advising them of Proposition 218 requirements and requesting that this department be notified no later than February 12, 1999, if an increase in the assessment will be proposed. CSAs with proposed increases will follow the mail ballot procedures as outlined in the County's ballot rules approved by your Board in August 1997, and schedule No. 1 of Attachment "A." CSAs with no proposed increases will follow the same hearing and notice procedure as in previous years and that of schedule No. 2 of Attachment "A."

Sanitation CSAs:

Assessments for sanitation CSAs No. 2 (Place De Mer), No. 5 (Sand Dollar/Canon Del Sol), No. 7 (Boulder Creek) and No. 20 (Trestle Beach) will remain at the same level as the previous year and will follow hearing and notice procedures as per schedule No. 2 of Attachment "A."

County Wide CSAs

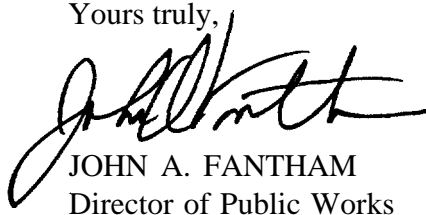
CSA No. 9 (Highway Lighting), CSA No. 9A (Residential Lighting), CSA No. 9C (Refuse), and CSA No. 9D (Roads), will follow the same hearing and notice procedure as in previous years as no increases are proposed (schedule No. 2 of Attachment "A").

In order to begin the approval proceedings and schedule the various public hearings, Public Works is proposing to use the dates shown in schedules 1 and 2 as shown on Attachment "A." All necessary action will be concluded prior to the proposed June 18, 1999, Public Works Department budget hearings.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Approve schedules No. 1 and No. 2 of Attachment "A" for the 1999/2000 benefit assessment and service charge approval process.
2. Direct Public Works and the County Administrative Office to schedule budget hearings for County Service Areas for Friday, June 18, 1999.

Yours truly,

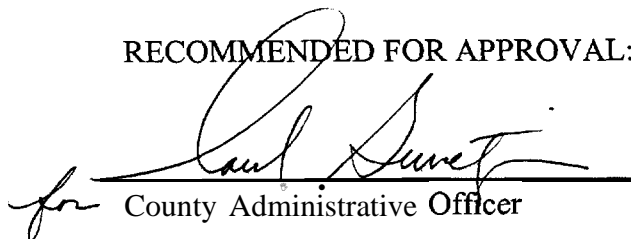


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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



for County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works
 Auditor
 County Counsel
 County Administrative Office

1999 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

COUNTY SERVICE AREAS WITH PROPOSED RATE INCREASE: (SCHEDULE NO. 1)

- March 23: **BOARD LETTER**
1. Approve Engineer's Report
 2. Begin Ballot Proceeding (45 day notice given)
 3. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on May 18, 1999
 4. Notice of Public Hearing
- May 18: **PUBLIC HEARING**
- Board of Supervisors accepts ballots and directs DPW to return June 8, 1999, to certify the election results.
- June 8: Certify Election

COUNTY SERVICE AREAS WITH NO RATE INCREASES: (SCHEDULE NO. 2)

- May 18: **BOARD LETTER**
1. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on June 8, 1999, on proposed rates
 2. Notice of Public Hearing
- June 8: **PUBLIC HEARING**
- Board of Supervisors passes resolutions establishing charges and confirming Benefit Assessment Reports.
1. Resolution establishing rates
 2. Resolution confirming reports

Benefit assessment reports are due to the Clerk of the Board on or before May 17, 1999

Public Works Budget Hearing on June 18, 1999