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DATE: 6/8/99
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
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AGENDA: JUNE 8, 1999

May 26, 1999

BY Alicia Mendez DEPUTY

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 26, HIDDEN VALLEY
1999/2000 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES

Members of the Board:

Public Works has received written notification from representatives of County Service Area No. 26, Hidden Valley, that they wish to increase the benefit assessment rates for the 1999/2000 fiscal year for Zones "B" through "G."

The proposed increase of \$1,000 per parcel will provide the service area with an additional \$68,000 for the construction of a retaining wall needed to prevent road failure on Hidden Valley Road in an area that provides access to 68 property owners in the six zones. Two zones, "A" and Muir Drive, do not benefit from the repair, and are therefore not included in today's action. Rates for these zones were considered by your Board on May 18, 1999.

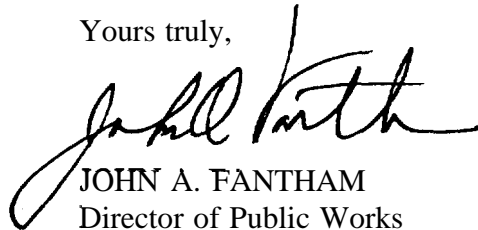
As County service area fees are considered benefit assessments, any increase in rates must comply with Proposition 218 procedures. These procedures require that an increase in the benefit assessment rate can only be charged if an election is held and the increase is approved by at least half of the votes cast by the property owners, with the votes weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment of each parcel. Furthermore, a public hearing must be held to consider any protests to the proposed increase.

We have attached the Engineer's Report, Notice of Public Hearing, resolutions, and ballots for your Board's approval. The resolution sets August 3, 1999, as the public hearing date on the proposed rates. The ballots, notice of public hearing, and resolutions are all in accordance with Board established rules for conducting ballot proceedings for assessments under Article XIID, Section 4 of the California State Constitution.

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

1. Accept and approve the Engineer's Report for County Service Area No. 26, Hidden Valley, zones "B" through "G."
2. Adopt the attached Resolutions of Intention to Authorize and Levy an Assessment for Road Maintenance Operation within the various County Service Areas.
3. Approve the attached notice of public hearing, ballot procedure, and ballots for the proposed increased 1999/2000 assessment for County Service Area No. 26, Hidden Valley, zones "B" through "G."
4. Set Tuesday, August 3, 1999, during the Board of Supervisors morning agenda (which begins at 9:00 a.m.) as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed increased assessment rates for County Service Area No. 26, Hidden Valley, zones "B" through "G" and direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a summary notice of the public hearing.
5. Direct the Department of Public Works to mail ballots to the record owners of properties subject to the proposed assessments within County Service Area No. 26, Hidden Valley, zones "B" through "G."

Yours truly,

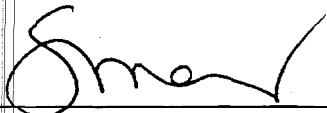


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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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