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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 15, 2000

February 3, 2000

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
701 Ocean Street  
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SUBJECT: 2000/2001 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 Proposition 218, "The Right to Vote on Taxes Act," it is necessary for this department to follow different approval schedules depending on whether or not the levy is increased, 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 in writing no later than February 18, 2000, 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 and that of Schedule No. 1 of Attachment "A." CSAs with no 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) are still under consideration, but are anticipated to remain at the same level as in 1999/2000 and therefore follow hearing and notice procedures as per Schedule No. 2 of Attachment "A."

County Wide CSAs

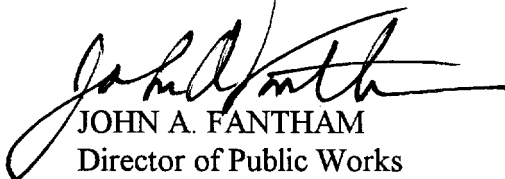
CSA No. 9 (Highway Lighting), CSA No, 9A (Residential Lighting), CSA No. 9C (Refuse), and CSA No. 9D (Roads), will follow the same hearing and notice procedure as in previous years as no increases are proposed (Schedule No. 2 of Attachment "A").

In order to begin the 2000/2001 Benefit Assessment proceedings and schedule the various public hearings, Public Works is proposing to use the dates shown in Schedules No. 1 and No. 2 as shown on Attachment "A." All necessary action will be concluded prior to the proposed June 21, 2000, 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 2000/2001 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 Wednesday, June 21, 2000.

Yours truly, ,

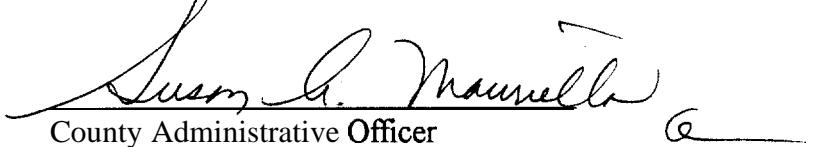


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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works  
Auditor  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office

### 2000 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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

- April 4: BOARD LETTER
  1. Approve Engineer's Report
  2. Begin Ballot Proceeding (45 day notice given)
  3. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on May 23, 2000
  4. Notice of Public Hearing
  
- May 23 : PUBLIC HEARING  
Board of Supervisors accepts ballots and directs DPW to return June 6, 2000, to certify the election results.
  
- June 6: Certify Election

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

- May 23 : BOARD LETTER
  1. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on June 6, 2000, on proposed rates
  2. Notice of Public Hearing
  
- June 6: 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 22, 2000

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Public Works Budget Hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2000