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AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2001

January 25, 2001

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: 2001/2002 COUNTY SERVICE AREA BENEFIT ASSESSMENT HEARINGS

Members of the Board:

Santa Cruz County Government Code Section 4.26 requires that the Board of Supervisors take annual actions to set and approve County, Service Area (CSA) benefit assessment and service charge rates. Additionally, Proposition 218, "The Right to Vote on Taxes Act," requires government agencies to follow specific approval procedures, based on the type of service provided in a CSA and whether or not the levy remains at the same level as in previous years. It is therefore necessary for Public Works to establish two different approval schedules to set the CSA 2001/02 rates, notice the public hearings and certify the results. These schedules are as follows:

### Road Association CSAs:

On December 20, 2000, notices were mailed to service area representatives advising them of Proposition 218 requirements and requesting that this department be notified in writing no later than February 16, 2001, 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), No. 10 (Rolling Woods) and No. 20 (Trestle Beach) are anticipated to remain at the same level as in 2000/2001 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 2001/2002 benefit assessment and service charge 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 20, 2001, 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 20, 2001.

Yours truly,



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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Auditor  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office  
Public Works

## **2001 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

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

- April 17:           BOARD LETTER
1. Approve Engineer's Report
  2. Begin Ballot Proceeding (45 day notice given)
  3. Resolution of Intention to levy an assessment and Setting Public Hearing on June 5, 2001
  4. Notice of Public Hearing
- June 5:           PUBLIC HEARING
- Board of Supervisors accepts ballots and directs DPW to return June 19, 2001, to certify the election results.  
Resolution authorizing and levying an assessment
- June 19:           Certify Election

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

- May 22:           BOARD LETTER
1. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on June 5, 2001, on proposed rates
  2. Notice of Public Hearing
- June 5:           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 21, 2001

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Public Works Budget Hearing on Wednesday, June 20, 2001