



County of Santa Cruz

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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BOB WATSON, DIRECTOR

April 1, 2002

AGENDA: May 7, 2002

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

2002/2003 FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT – CSA 4 & CSA 48

Dear Members of the Board:

Santa Cruz County Code 4.26 requires that the Board of Supervisors take certain annual actions related to County Service Area rates. As part of these annual proceedings, your Board must set a public hearing to consider objections or protests on the rates and, at the conclusion of the hearing, approve a 2002/2003 rate report.

The assessments for fire protection services for both service areas were approved in June, 1997 by a majority vote of the property owners for fiscal year 1997/1998 and ongoing, and included a provision for future increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The assessment rate for these two service areas may be increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. All Urban Consumers, for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Areas, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor for the prior calendar year. Although the current CPI (February to February) is 1.8%, the annual average increase for this index for calendar year 2001 was 5.4%, which is the figure required to be used under the voter approved measure. The rates for 2002/2003 are based on proposed fire protection programs and budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The proposed increased rate for CSA 48 (County Fire) will be \$52.57 per fire flow unit. The rate for CSA 4 (Pajaro Dunes Fire) will remain at the 2001/2002 rate of \$134.93 per fire flow unit. The engineer's report defining the number of fire flow units assigned to each property is on file with the Clerk of the Board for public review. Reports containing the Assessor's parcel number, the owner's name and the amount of the benefit assessment/service charge will be available for public review two weeks prior to the proposed June 18, 2002 public hearing. As in prior years, this rate report must be approved by your Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller by August 10, 2002.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

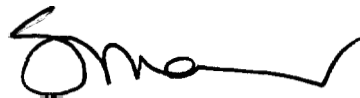
1. Adopt the attached resolution setting June 18, 2002 during the morning agenda at the Board of Supervisors' meeting as the date for a public hearing on the proposed 2002/2003 Fire Protection rates for County Service Areas 4 and 48 and on the proposed service charge reports; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the attached Notices of Public Hearing in the manner prescribed by law.

Very truly yours,



BOB WATSON
Director

RECOMMENDED



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

BW:JP:mmc

cc: Kay Bowden, Pajaro Dunes Homeowners Association
Steve Wert, CDF
County Fire Department Advisory Committee
General Services Department

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGES
AND SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREAS
(FIRE PROTECTION)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, during the morning agenda of the Board of Supervisors' meeting, in the Board Chambers, Room 525, County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of resolution establishing service charges and confirming service charge reports for the 2002/2003 fiscal year for the following service areas:

<u>CSA No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Supvr District</u>	<u>2001/2002 Rate \$ per Year</u>	<u>2001/2002 Rate \$ per Year</u>
4	Pajaro Dunes	2	\$134.93 per fire flow unit per year	\$134.93 per fire flow unit per year
48	County Fire Protection	All	\$49.88 per fire flow flow unit per year	\$52.57 per fire flow unit per year

Upon conclusion of the Public Hearing on the above service charges, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any of the service charges as needed.

Notice is further given that at the time, date, and place stated above, the Board of Supervisors shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the proposed charges. For questions related to the proposed service charges, please contact the General Services Department/County Fire at (831) 335-5353.

The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs, or activities. The Board of Supervisors Chambers is located in an accessible facility. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the ADA coordinator at (831) 454-2323 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of the Supervisor
duly seconded by the Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

**A RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING ON PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGES
AND SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS
FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 48 – COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4 – PAJARO DUNES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined the nature, extent, and cost of the extended services to be provided within the County Service Areas Number 4 – Pajaro Dunes and Number 48 – County Fire for the 2002/2003 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the General Services Department will prepare reports apportioning the total cost of such extended services to parcels within the above County Service Areas in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each parcel;

WHEREAS, ON OR BEFORE June 1, 2002, said service charge reports will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors that Tuesday, June 18, 2002, during the morning agenda, in the Board Chambers, Room 525, County Governmental Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the reports of proposed service charges within County Service Areas Number 4 and Number 48 for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that at the time, date, and place above, the Board of Supervisors shall hear all objections or protests, if any, to the reports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of the filing of the reports and the time, date, and place of hearing, to be published once a week for two successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Santa Cruz County, pursuant to Government Code 4.25.150.

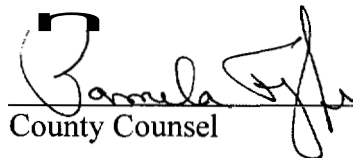
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
State of California, this 7th day of May, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISOR
NOES: SUPERVISOR
ABSENT: SUPERVISOR

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Counsel

Distribution: County Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
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County Fire Department

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of the Supervisor
duly seconded by the Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SERVICES CHARGES
FOR THE 2002/2003 FISCAL YEAR FOR
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 48 – COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
COUNTY SERVICES AREA 4 – PAJARO DUNES**

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

Section 1. Service charges for parcels within the County Service Area **48**- County Fire and County Service Area **4** – Pajaro Dunes for the 2002/2003 fiscal year are established as follows:

County Fire

CSA 48 \$52.57 per fire protection unit (fire flow unit) per year

Pajaro Dunes

CSA 4 \$134.93 per fire protection unit (fire flow unit) per year

Section 2. Service Charge Exemptions: Service charges will not be levied on parcels in the following categories:

1. Parcels with an assessed value of \$2,000 or less.
2. Unbuildable parcels as determined by Planning and Environmental Health regulations. It is the obligation of the parcel owner to provide documentation to verify that a parcel is unbuildable.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect July 1, 2002

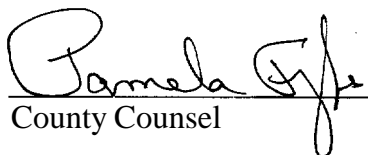
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vote:

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OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of the Supervisor
duly seconded by the Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003
FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 48 – COUNTY FIRE PROTECTIN
AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 4 – PAJARO DUNES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a duly noticed public hearing on the charge reports for service charges proposed within the County Service Areas Number 4 – Pajaro Dunes and Number 48 – County Fire for the 2002/2003 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that no protests have been submitted or that all protests should be overruled; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the service charge reports should be confirmed as submitted/amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the service charge reports for County Service Areas Number 4 and Number 48 for the 2002/2003 fiscal year are hereby confirmed, and such service charges are authorized to be collected as provided in Ordinance Number 3406;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of this Board shall file a copy of this Resolution and Service Charge Reports with the County Auditor on or before August 10, 2002.

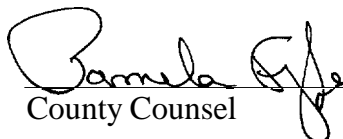
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