



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: 4/5/11
Placement: Set hearing
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes on 4/12/11
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Directors, Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District
FROM: Department Michael W. Dyer, Fire Chief
Director(s)
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APR 05 2011

SUBJECT: Initiation of Annexation of Territory into the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Set a hearing to consider the initiation of an annexation of territory into the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District.

Summary Text:

Currently there are approximately 1,925 parcels located within the County that are not paying a portion of their property taxes to either a city that provides fire protection or a fire district to support fire services. The majority of these parcels are located within the Los Padres National Forest. The item for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, would initiate the process to annex territory into the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District. The reasons for the proposal are to ensure that: (1) All properties in mainland Santa Barbara County are situated within either a city with its own fire department, or a Fire Protection District; and (2) the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District receives property tax revenues for services it provides to properties located within its boundaries.

If such an annexation is approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), a portion of the property taxes generated by the parcels contained within the territory could be allocated to the District. The parcels would not pay additional taxes; rather, a portion of the existing property taxes allocated to the County General Fund would be reallocated to the District. The portion of the property taxes allocated to the schools would not be affected by such an annexation.

This item is set for a hearing on April 12, 2011 in order to allow for a 21 day noticing period. The notice of the proposed initiation of the annexation has been sent to the Executive Director of the Local Agency Formation

Annexation of Privately Owned Land into the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

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Commission, San Luis Obispo, Kern and Ventura counties, the City of Santa Barbara and the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District and Montecito Fire Protection District.

Special Instructions:

Please send a certified copy of the minute order to the Fire Department, attention Rose Pueschel.

Authored by:

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