

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Orcutt Community Facilities District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive presentation on the status of the Orcutt Community Facilities District;
- B. Receive Summary of Proposed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Tax Levy (Attachment A);
- C. Adopt Resolution Levying Special Taxes within County of Santa Barbara Community Facilities District No. 2002-1 (Orcutt Community Plan) (Attachment B).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 4: A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On October 8, 2002 a Community Facilities District (CFD) was formed within the Orcutt Planning Area, located immediately south of the City of Santa Maria. A CFD is a special financing entity through which a local government is empowered to levy special taxes and/or issue bonds authorized by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors of such district. The special taxes may be used to finance infrastructure construction as well as certain public operations and maintenance services. The Orcutt CFD authorizes funds to be used for fire and sheriff protection services, maintenance of parks, parkways and open space, and flood and storm protection services.

Specifically, on October 8, 2002, the Board took the following action:

- A. Accepted the Community Facilities District (CFD) Modifications Impact report which modifies the Rate and Method of Apportionment adopted on July 9, 2002, and accepted the CFD Report describing public services by type that would be required to adequately meet the needs of the CFD;
- B. Adopted resolution 02-352 modifying Resolution of Intention and approving Amended and Restated Rate and Method of Apportionment;
- C. Adopted Resolution 02-353 for Formation of the CFD, Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Within the District and Establishing an Appropriations Limit for the District;
- D. Adopted Resolution 02-354 Calling Special Election for the CFD, and trailed the matter so that the election could be held that day and the results tallied;
- E. Adopted Resolution 02-355 Declaring the Results of Special Election and Directing Recording of Notice of Special Tax Lien;
- F. Adopted non-binding Resolution 02-356 Regarding Funding in the Orcutt area.

On July 22, 2003, the Board adopted a resolution levying special taxes within the Orcutt Community Facilities District. This levy was for the 2003-2004 tax year. The levy must be adopted on an annual basis.

The purpose of this hearing will be to receive a presentation on the status of the Orcutt Community Facilities District, receive a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Tax Levy, and to consider a Resolution Levying Special Taxes within the District.

This item is being placed on the Board's July 13, 2004 agenda because the meeting of July 13 is the last north county meeting of the Board of Supervisors before the August 10, 2004 tax levy filing deadline with the Auditor-Controller.

STATUS:

The following key sites are a part of the Community Facilities District:

Key Site 5 (Jensen)	112 Lots
Key Site 6 (Mesa Verde)	64 Lots
Key Site 7 (Oak Glen)	52 Lots
Key Site 8 (Harp Springs)	44 Lots
Key Site 9 (Pine Abbey/Oak Knoll Village)	32,015 square feet General Commercial
Key Site 12 (Rice Ranch)	725 Lots
Key Site 17 (Stonegate)	44 Lots
Key Site 29 (Hummel Village, Shared Senior Housing)	7 Lots (1 legal lot)

Since the formation of the Community Facilities District in 2002, the only property that is developed is Key Site 9, Pine Abbey/Oak Knoll Village and Key Site 29, a seven-unit residential subdivision.

In anticipation of development occurring within the CFD, the County Administrator's Office initiated a project team consisting of staff from Parks, Public Works, Fire, Sheriff, P&D, County Counsel, and Housing and Community Development. The purpose of this team is to regularly assess the potential impact of new

development on services to be provided and funded by the CFD (Parks, Flood Control, Fire and Sheriff). The team monitors timelines for new development as development is approved through the planning process, and determines cost impacts and services required to be provided within the CFD.

The Orcutt Community Plan requires consideration of alternative funding mechanisms for operations and maintenance for new development. To that end, an annexation process will be created that will enable developers whose property is not currently within the CFD to annex into the existing CFD to meet this requirement. Any developer that chooses not to annex into the CFD must demonstrate alternative sources of funding.

SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 04-05 TAX LEVY:

The attached (Attachment A) "Administration Report Fiscal Year 2004-05" describes the tax levy methodology and identifies projected revenues and cost impacts for FY04-05. The amount of special taxes the CFD may levy is strictly limited by the maximum special taxes set forth in the Rate and method of Apportionment. The initial Maximum Special Tax will escalate each Fiscal Year by the greater of the change in the Los Angeles Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the previous twelve months or two percent. For fiscal year 2004-2005, the increase in the CPI was 1.8%, therefore the annual increase in the special taxes was 2.0%.

RESOLUTION LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2002-1 (ORCUTT COMMUNITY PLAN):

The attached (Attachment B) resolution levying special taxes within the Orcutt Community Facilities District will levy the Special Taxes for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Section 53340 of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 requires that a resolution to levy a special tax on a community facilities district must be filed with the County Auditor on or before the 10th day of August for that tax year.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Special Taxes of \$18,467.11 will be collected on property developed as of 6/30/04 within the Orcutt Community Facilities District in accordance with the Rate and Method of Apportionment adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 2002. In addition to the annual special taxes, a grading permit special tax of \$50 per lot will be collected at issuance of land use permit, and a building permit one-time special tax of \$250 per unit for residential property and \$.20 per square foot for non-residential property will be collected at issuance of building permit. Depending upon level of development over the next year, additional funds may be collected. Fund 2270 is set up to administer the CFD. Taxes that are collected will go directly into that fund, and a budget will be programmed in as part of the budget process based on anticipated revenues and costs to provide the services authorized by the CFD.

Special Instructions:

Upon adoption of resolution, the Clerk of Board is directed to file with the Auditor-Controller no later than August 10, 2004, a certified list of all parcels subject to the Special Tax levy (identified in Attachment A "Administration Report Fiscal Year 2004-05") including the amount of the Special Tax to be levied on such parcel for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Concurrence: County Counsel

Attachments: a) Administration Report Fiscal Year 2004-05 (Tax Levy)
b) Resolution Levying Special Taxes within the County of Santa Barbara Community Facilities District 2002-1 (Orcutt Community Plan)

CC: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
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Landowners of Record (via fax)